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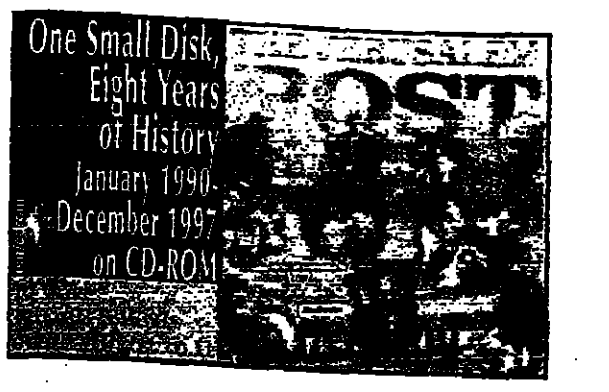
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PM issues ultimatum to NRP on early elections

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu expects the *National* Religious Party to notify him today whether or not it supports the government or prefers advancing elections.

This is widely interpreted as a warning, if not an ultimatum. The faction will meet this morning to consider a reply.

If the NRP cannot assure Netanyahu that it will vote with the government, the prime minister may opt for national unity, despite denials yesterday by both Netanyahu and Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak that they are hatching national unity schemes.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu will seek to bring Gesher MK David Levy back into his coalition. For the first time in months Levy has not rebuffed Netanyahu out of hand, but even if the prime minister wins him over, Levy and the two Gesher MKs who still toe his line will not assure Netanyahu of parliamentary survival.

Levy was reported by his brother Maxim and Yehuda Lankri – the only Gesher MKs still totally loyal to him – as having reacted to Netanyahu's latest overtures by saying that "this time there may be something to talk about," despite the fact that the only two portfolios he could be offered are ones he has already rejected.

According to sources in both the Likud and Gesher, Netanyahu offered Levy the finance portfolio, or, if he so wishes, the National Infrastructure portfolio, which Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon would be ready to yield.

The problem is that Sharon holds the Foreign Affairs portfolio, which Levy relinquished when he quit last January.

Levy opposed Sharon becoming foreign minister and has only recently blasted the notion that he inherit the infrastructure portfolio he helped sew together for Sharon when the Netanyahu government was set up in 1996.

Levy was offered finance during the formation of the government, and this offer was repeated several times after his departure from the government. Levy has always rejected it.

Lankri sought to explain yesterday that "now that Netanyahu has signed the Wye agreement, the government has shown it is serious about peace. That was one of our complaints last year, and now it is gone. Perhaps we can alter the balance on socio-economic issues as well, and therefore we need to consider carefully what to do about this offer."

Maxim Levy told *The Jerusalem Post* that his brother is "now waiting for a formal offer and he will give it fair consideration." This formal offer is expected to come this morning.

However, Levy's dowry has shrunk. His five-member Gesher faction is now down to three. MKs Michael Kleiner and David Magen both voted against the Wye agreement.

Kleiner heads the Knesset's Land of Israel Front and Magen suspended his membership in Gesher. The addition of three MKs will not assure Netanyahu of the parliamentary majority he now lacks.

There is talk now of restoring Gesher to the Likud. The lure for Levy would be a slice of the central committee membership, something he was after before he broke away from the Likud.

In both the Likud and Gesher the consensus is that Levy's change of heart stems primarily from the poor showing of his party at the recent local elections. That erased his hopes of running successfully for the Knesset and the premiership on the Gesher ticket.

Coalition whip Meir Sheetrit, meanwhile, assembled most Likud MKs yesterday to deliberate on national unity.

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IDF soldiers wounded in south Lebanon yesterday are evacuated by helicopter to Rambam Hospital in Haifa. (Avihu Shapira)

3 troops wounded in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

Tension was running high in the North last night following heavy fighting in south Lebanon in which three IDF soldiers were wounded – two of them seriously.

One of the wounded soldiers was reported to be in critical condition after both his legs were blown off from the blast of either a mortar round or an anti-tank missile.

Two South Lebanese Army soldiers were also lightly hurt in the bombardments yesterday. Reports from Lebanon said three civilians, one of them a young boy, were wounded in the Nabatiya region north of the security zone, apparently as a result of SLA shelling.

IAF warplanes twice struck at Hizbullah targets north of the security zone and helicopter gunships were also in action during the fighting – the heaviest in the region in several months.

In the past, Hizbullah responded with Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee for the wounding of Lebanese civilians, although more recently the retaliation has taken the form of mortar fire at IDF outposts on the border.

It was not clear last night whether there would be an escalation following the fierce artillery duels, although some residents of Galilee communities decided to sleep in shelters as a precaution.

The two soldiers who were badly wounded were members of a tank crew.

They had been outside checking the vehicle at the IDF's Dla'at outpost, in the eastern sector of the zone, when the position came under a sustained Hizbullah attack.

Brig.-Gen. Effi (Fein) Eitam, commander of the Galilee region, said that about 30 minutes earlier the Nahal Brigade soldiers manning the Dla'at position had completed an exercise in repulsing an attack on the outpost.

The tank crew was released to inspect their vehicle for nighttime activities.

"Two members of the crew, the commander and the gunner, were inside and the driver and the loader were outside," Eitam told reporters in the North last night. The two inside the tank were unhurt.

The two outside "were both wearing their flak jackets and helmets and were wounded in the limbs either by a mortar or anti-tank missile," he said.

Hizbullah gunmen tried to approach the position under cover of the mortar and anti-tank missile bombardments but were repulsed by heavy counter fire from troops manning the outpost, aided by IDF artillery and helicopter gunships.

About seven or eight separate Hizbullah units, totalling as many as 60 gunmen, were involved in the bombardments and the abortive ground assault, which lasted for just over 15 minutes.

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PA plans West Bank airport

By BEN LYNFIELD

The Palestinian Authority, which hopes to gain momentum toward independence with today's opening of Gaza International Airport, is already planning to build another airfield, this time in the West Bank.

"We are planning to make a strip in the West Bank within a year," said Capt. Salman Abu Halib, head of civil aviation for the PA. The location has not been determined, he said.

According to Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the coordinator of activities in the territories, the venue would need to be worked out in discussions with Israel or else face a veto.

At the Gaza airport, located at Dahaniya along the Egyptian border, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat is scheduled to greet the first arriving flight at 8:30 a.m, according to PA officials.

That will be an Egypt Air flight from Cairo, bearing Egyptian cabinet ministers, political figures, and entertainers, including actor Adel Imam.

"All of the passengers will be our guests overnight in Gaza," Itim quoted Arafat as saying.

Other flights scheduled to arrive today are from Morocco, Jordan, Spain, Holland, and Saudi Arabia, *Itim* reported.

Beyond the airport's role as a symbol of sovereignty, it promises to significantly ease travel for Palestinians, especially residents of Gaza.

Henceforth, those seeking to travel by air will no longer have to obtain permits to enter Israel.

Moreover, the airport opens up new possibilities for importing and exporting goods, without expensive and time-consuming shipment via Israel.

Israeli personnel will be stationed at the airport for security control, including in the tower, but will be "invisible" to the public, Dror said.

The set-up inside the terminal will be the same as at the Rafah crossing and Allenby Bridge, where Israeli personnel are situated behind screens.

"We are satisfied with the security arrangements. If not, we wouldn't open it," Dror said.

Nevertheless, Israel has barred its own citizens from using the airport, citing security considerations.

Abu Halib said the West Bank facility would be used for flights to and from Gaza International Airport. PA officials plan to broach the idea with Israeli counterparts once the Gaza facility is up and running, he said.

The idea of building a PA airport in the West Bank is in accordance with the Oslo Accords, Dror said. But, he stressed, "the site and everything around it must be carefully selected in coordination with us."

Netanyahu off to Europe tomorrow

By DANNA HARMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who is to meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Thursday, plans to thank him for maintaining a stance against a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood – although Blair has never officially taken this position.

Sources say that in the course of Netanyahu's five-day European trip, which begins tomorrow, he will thank Blair for his stand against the unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood. A senior source close to the British government said in response that he was "very surprised to hear of Netanyahu's intention, seeing as Britain has not gone on the record with this sort of statement."

What Britain has gone on the record with, in fact, is its stand against the unilateral action of settlement building.

Earlier this month, when a fence was erected around Ras el-Amud and increased investment in settlements was announced, the British Consulate-General in Jerusalem reiterated Britain's position that *settlements in the occupied territories and east Jerusalem are illegal* under international law and an obstacle to peace.

The projects, a statement published at the time said, were "both highly controversial and risk undermining the new spirit of cooperation forged at Wye."

A senior official at the British Embassy said yesterday that "we maintain a balanced stance, and urge both sides to refrain from unilateral actions which could effect the peace process."

If Netanyahu wants to thank Blair for that position, said the official, "he would be welcome to do so."

Netanyahu is expected to be faced with some hard questions of a different kind when he makes a quick stop in Switzerland en route to England. There, he will attend a high-tech trade fair in Zurich and meet with Swiss President Flavio Cotti, Defense Minister Adolf Ogi, and Economics Minister Pascal Couchepin in Bern.

The topics of discussion on the official agenda are economic joint projects and the potential for increasing military trade, which is expected to reach $1 billion in the next five years. In addition, Netanyahu intends to ask Cotti to support the fight against transfer of unconventional technology to Iran.

However, another issue that will doubtlessly come up is the Swiss dissatisfaction with Netanyahu's involvement in the fight for Holocaust-era restitution. Swiss government spokesperson Achille Casanova said last week that Netanyahu's attendance at an award ceremony in the Knesset honoring US Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and three other Americans who helped force Swiss banks into the $1.25 billion settlement had "cast a shadow" over the upcoming visit.

Netanyahu briefed the foreign press yesterday, preempting such criticism by praising the Swiss government, and Cotti in particular, "for handling (the restitution issue) deftly, with great attention... despite the many difficulties that they faced."

After Switzerland and Britain, Netanyahu will spend the weekend in Spain, as the guest of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar. There, he will brief his hosts on the Wye accord implementation, and ask Aznar to refrain from supporting "any one-sided agreements which might jeopardize the peace process."

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is also travelling to Europe, inaugurating the Gaza airport with a flight to Paris today.

Second round today in 35 local authorities

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The candidates, Page 2

A second round of municipal elections will be held today in 35 local authorities, where the leading candidates failed to get more than 40 percent of the votes in the first round two weeks ago.

The polls will be open from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., and the results are expected late tonight or tomorrow morning.

Schools in which voting takes place will stop studies at midday.

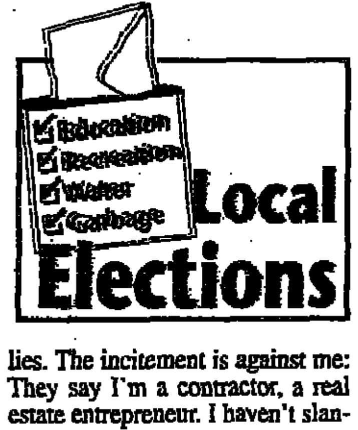
In Herzliya, Yael German (Meretz), running against Yehuda Urieli (Likud), hopes to be the second woman mayor in a major city, after Miriam Fireburg's victory in Netanya two weeks ago.

German received 33% of the vote in the first round and Urieli 28%.

German has been campaigning with a bodyguard following threats on her and her family's life. This week she lodged a complaint with the police against Urieli's election staff.

"Violence is rampant here. The religious public is being incited against me incessantly and groundlessly," German said yesterday, referring to leaflets distributed in synagogues alleging that she would introduce civil marriage and operate transportation and businesses on Shabbat.

Urieli said that "German is inciting all the time and lying. It's all lies. The incitement is against me: They say I'm a contractor, a real estate entrepreneur. I haven't slandered anyone."



One of the tenser campaigns is being conducted in Bat Yam, where Yehoshua Saguy (Likud) is running against independent Shlomo Lahiani, who is supported by Labor.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu first supported Saguy, a former OC Intelligence, then asked him to step down in favor of Lahiani, who appeared to be the opinion poll favorite. But Saguy, who received 37% of the vote in the first round, refused to step down and Netanyahu had no choice but to reverse his position once again and support him.

Netanyahu's spokesman Aviv Bushinsky denied rumors that the prime minister had promised Saguy a Foreign Service position if he withdrew from the race.

Lahiani, who gleaned 35% of the votes in the previous round, is the son of a street sweeper who made good. Today he is a wealthy real estate man, who has invested some NIS 2 million in his campaign.

The campaign is also heating up in Migdal Ha'emek, where Susanne Amor (Likud), wife of longtime mayor and MK Shaul Amor, is running against Brig.-Gen. (res.) Eli Barda of Gesher.

Barda, who received 38% in the first round and has an agreement with Labor, is certain of his victory. But Amor, who received 28%, says she has agreements with Yisrael Ba'aliya and Shas.

In addition, Amor is supported by Netanyahu, who came to a rally to express his support personally. "An iron woman with a heart of gold," Netanyahu called her, adding: "Do you know what a great cook she is?"

Barda organized a rally over the weekend, where Gesher leader David Levy spoke to some 1,500 people. A triumph for Barda would compensate Levy to some extent for the defeat of his son, Jackie, also a Gesher candidate, in Beit She'an.

A nasty poster war is raging in Kfar Sava, perhaps in an attempt to jolt the sleepy campaign between incumbent Yitzhak Wald and his deputy, Amiram Miller, who tied with 26% each.

Last week a poster warned residents that Wald, of Labor, cannot run the town because he is grieving for his son. The poster was signed by "Citizens for Miller."

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Police: Denver cult has arrived

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki confirmed yesterday that 10 members of a Denver doomsday cult feared to be planning a mass suicide have arrived in the country.

But he refused to discuss reports of a cult intending to commit suicide in the city to mark the millennium. He also declined to discuss the possibility that the cult intended to carry out such an act on the Temple Mount.

"There has already been too much publicity and too many stories and it is harmful," he said. Yitzhaki was speaking to reporters after a meeting of the Knesset Interior Committee.

Cult watchers have warned that members of the Concerned Christians might head to Israel on instructions from their leader Monte Kim Miller. Miller has said he will die in Jerusalem in December 1999 and will be resurrected three days later.

But the Jerusalem police, which established a special task force to prepare for the influx of pilgrims during the millennium, said the group does not appear to pose a threat at this stage.

Dow hits high

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow plowed back into record territory yesterday, completing a nearly 2,000-point rebound from its summer slide, rising 214.72 points – or by 2.3 percent – to a record 9,374.27, vaulting past the record close of 9,337.97 set on July 17.

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NEWS
in brief

Israeli-PA anti-incitement committee to meet

The trilateral anti-incitement committee is to meet today for the first time and set out a framework for its operations. The committee, which will be made up of delegates from the United States, Israel and the Palestinian Authority, was established by the Wye accords.

Each country has appointed four delegates to the committee consisting of a journalist, an educator, a law enforcement official and an elected official. *Danna Harman*

Charges filed in slaying of Palestinian man

Gur Hamel (Israel Sun)

Gur Hamel, 28, was charged yesterday in the Tel Aviv District Court with murdering a 75-year-old Palestinian man from the West Bank village of Beit Furik, near Nablus, last month.

According to a police request to the court to keep Hamel in custody during his trial, he has confessed to killing Mohammed Zalmout, but says that he acted in self-defense during a fight between them.

The charge sheet says Hamel left his sister's house in the settlement of Itamar and headed into an olive grove where Zalmout was working. Hamel allegedly attacked Zalmout without provocation after the Palestinian had taken off his shoes to pray, first breaking his arm and choking him, and then smashing his skull with rocks. *Itim*

Police: Settlers didn't murder woman

Police yesterday denied Palestinian accusations that settlers murdered a Palestinian woman whose body was discovered on Saturday morning near Neveh Daniel.

Judea and Samaria police spokesman Opher Sivan said there were signs of violence on the young woman's body and it had been sent to the National Forensic Institute in Abu Kabir for tests. Sivan said that police are cooperating with the Palestinian Police and stressed that all the signs pointed in the direction of the Palestinians. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Suspect in bid to harm PM gets house arrest

Police yesterday freed Safed resident Shabtai Bloch, 48, who was imprisoned Friday by order of the Acre Magistrate's Court on suspicion of conspiring with another man to harm Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu during a visit to the northern town earlier this month.

Bloch will remain under house arrest for five days. He was welcomed from prison by dozens of colleagues and friends from the Habad movement.

His lawyer, Aharon Shlinger, said it had become clear that "all the suspicions came out of thin air." *Itim*

Mitzna forms coalition in Haifa

Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna has become the first head of one of the country's major cities to form a coalition following the municipal elections earlier this month. The coalition is expected to be composed of Labor, Likud, religious parties, Dor Shalom, Hadash, and Yisrael Ba'aliya. The Greens, Meretz, and Amos Eden's Haifa for Haifaites are expected to be in the opposition. The coalition deal is due to be officially signed today. *David Rudge*

Pedestrian killed in accident

A woman, 77, was killed yesterday and her friend, also 77, seriously injured when they were struck by a car while crossing a Haifa street at the crosswalk. *Itim*

A not-so-sweet side of sugar – it could age you

Rats that eat high levels of a natural sugar known as fructose seem to age faster than other rats – and the same could be true for people who eat too much sweet junk food, Technion researchers said yesterday. Fructose, found naturally in honey and fruit, is used widely in foods ranging from soft drinks to yogurt. But while its sweet taste is popular, the sugar could cause wrinkles, sagging, and health problems, Dr. Moshe Werman and Boaz Levi wrote in the Washington-based Journal of Nutrition. *Reuters*

Commandos' parents reject IDF stance

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The parents of Third Petty Officer Guy Golan and 3PO Raz Tebi, two of the naval commandos killed in a botched raid in Lebanon in September 1996, have rejected an IDF explanation and apology for the burial of their sons' remains without notification.

In a statement issued by their lawyer, the parents continue to demand that the IDF conduct a DNA test of the remains to make sure that they were from their sons.

Parts of their bodies were returned immediately after the raid, but other remains arrived in June 1997 in an exchange deal worked out with Hizbullah. The army buried these remains without informing the parents, saying this is standard practice.

Since finding out two weeks later, the families have demanded justice and have expressed contempt for the way the IDF behaved and this week have turned to the press to convey their anger.

The Golan and Tebi families flatly rejected the IDF claim that the body parts were identified by professionals, saying comparing skin color and size was not enough.

"The families are repeating their demand for professional identification of the body parts and an honorable burial," the statement said.

It added their demand that an inquiry be held to stop the practice of burying body parts without notifying the family.

To mark the shloshim of the passing of
our beloved husband, father and grandfather
ELI ROTHSCHILD
we will gather at his grave on Thursday,
November 26, 1998, at 2:30 p.m.,
meeting at the plaza of the Yarkon cemetery
The family

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MOSHE LURIA ז"ל
we will gather at his graveside to
unveil his tombstone
on Thursday, November 26, at 3:30 p.m.
at the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery
**His wife, Magda Luria
and the Luria – Stark families**

PM tries to reassure Samaria settlers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu picks up a baby during his meeting with settlers yesterday. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday met with residents of the northern Samaria settlements of Homesh, Kadim, Ganim, and Shavei Shomron to offer his assurance their communities will remain an integral part of Israel.

Many of the residents said all they heard were promises, and that Netanyahu had failed to respond to their fears concerning security, but others said they felt reassured by his words.

Meanwhile, a group of settlers took over a hilltop near Elon Moreh, and the IDF declared Hill 777 near Itamar a closed military zone and demanded that the group which set up an encampment there on Sunday leave the area.

Ya'acov Even, secretary of Ganim and Kadim, said some 300 people packed the hall and greeted Netanyahu and his entourage. Last week, residents had expressed anger that government officials had failed to meet with them before the redeployment and inform them how their lives will be affected. They feared they would be forced to pass Palestinian roadblocks driving to and from their homes.

Netanyahu assured them that the roads will remain under Israeli control and that the government would push for the completion of bypass roads.

"I came here to give you my support and inform you that we are ready to invest," he said. "We are a free country and I can't force anyone to remain, but I advise you to think again."

In addition Netanyahu told Benzi Lieberman head of the Samaria Regional Council that the council would receive NIS 2.5 million and promised new schools in the area, a cultural center, swimming pools, and a computer for every child.

"Swimming pools and computers are all he promised, but not once did he relate to problems concerning employment and the development of industry," said a resident of Shavei Shomron.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Shmulik Deri, of Kadim. "He didn't answer the questions," Deri told Channel 2.

Even said that it was important that Netanyahu finally met with residents and declared his respect for them, but added in a slightly pessimistic voice: "Time will tell."

Shlomo Filber deputy director of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza declared after the meeting that the council had a list of people willing to move into the homes of any residents who decide to leave.

Council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar declared: "If you look at the map and compare it with facts on the ground, how can Netanyahu say nothing has changed. The reality is that the army is preparing for violence."

Israel, Jordan move closer on economic ties

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

AMMAN – Israel and Jordan yesterday agreed to a series of measures aimed at improving bilateral economic ties and those with the Palestinian Authority.

Speaking to journalists after meeting Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Fayez Tarawneh, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon said next week he will ask the donor nations to pledge money for a multi-year program to construct a huge regional desalination plant.

"The problem of water in the region is a central one and does not belong to just one country," said Sharon, who said the program will run for more than a decade.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Abdel Ilah Khatib, meanwhile, rejected the suggestion that Sunday's Syrian-Jordanian decision to set up an early warning system for water quality in the Yarmuk River would contravene any water agreements with Israel.

In a varied discussion, also attended by Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, the two sides agreed to ask the US to expand the Irbid free-trade zone by 200 dunams (50 acres) and to create new zones at Mafraq and straddling the border just south of Beit She'an near Kibbutz Tirat Zvi.

"American approval should be a formality," said a Sharansky aide.

The two sides failed to reach full agreement on Jordan's request that Israel allow the export of some 1,800 products to the territories under the tax rules of the PA. Presently 100 manufactured goods are entitled to this status, and Israel has said it will allow a further 1,300. The negotiating teams agreed to establish a joint Palestinian- Jordanian-Israeli committee to examine the subject.

Khatib reminded Israel that as the final-status talks begin, Jordan must be consulted at every stage, as it has a vested interest in decisions taken concerning the West Bank. Israel and the PA have both committed to fully involving Jordan in the talks, he added.

The meeting did focus on the second redeployment and final-status talks, but neither side revealed details, explaining the Israeli team merely updated Jordan on the latest developments.

The candidates in today's elections

Mohammed Yassin Zuiyat and Ali Ibrahim Hussein in Basmat Tivon; Kassel Ali and Titi Abass in Bana; Shlomo Lahiani and Yehoshua Saguy in Bat Yam; Jabar Jabar and Rabbi Darwish in Jaljulia; Abu Ful Mohammed and Jalal Watad in Jatt; Hovav Gamliat and Eliahu Radi in Gedera; Rabah Asdi and Ahmed Dabah in Dir el-Assad; Yael German and Yehuda Urieli in Herzliya; Arye Tal and Arye Mazliah Farjoun in Tirat Carmel; Adal Abu Hel Higa and Mussa Abu Rumi in Tamra; Shlomo Bakshi and Uzi Meir in Yehud; Eitan Belinkov and Hanoch Kivshana Dan in Kinneret; Muafak Basal and Oni Tuma in Kafr Yasif; Galal Nabso and Pashmaf Shochen in Kafr Kama; Hussein Hatib and Wasal Taha in Kafr Kana; Yitzhak Wald and Amiram Miller in Kfar Sava; Zubeir Yihiye and Hassan Athmana in Kafr Kara; Shmuel Ben-Tovim and Yosef Milstein in Kfar Shmaryahu; Assad Araida and Kassem Ganam in Maghar; Eliahu Barda and Susanne Amor in Migdal Ha'emek; Adi Hadar and Moshe Schechter in Modi'in; Salomon Cohen and Eliahu Shapira in Meitar; Omar Matar and Sami Sarhan in Nahaf; Sharif Abu Rokan and Cinge Mansour in Usfiya; Fadel Naamna and Yassin Yassin in Arabe; Mordechai Gross and Bezalel Tassab in Arad; David Amar and Shaul Shamai in Atlit; Yishai Maimon and Yosef Oz in Safed; Yosef Tachruri and Nabhan Kashkush in Kalansuwa; Albert Erez in Kiryat Gat (residents will vote for or against him – if the majority are against him the new town council will pick the new mayor); Jiris Huri and Afif Gazawi in Rama; Yigal Yanai and Yigal Yosef in Rosh Ha'ayin; Jamal Zeidan and Adnan Basul in Reina; Eli Moyal and David Buskila in Sderot; Afu Fawer and Hualed Nabil in Sha'ab.

Michal Yudelman

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Miller, an independent, denied having anything to do with the poster and said only a sick mind could put out something like that.

Then Yoel Kroll, another independent, who received 23% in the first round, spread rumors that he saw Wald's people distributing the posters. According to one version, Kroll hopes Wald will step down at the last minute and a grateful Miller will give him a senior position.

The prize for most threats, hate slogans, and police complaints goes to Sderot, where incumbent David Buskila (Labor, supported by Shas) is running against Eli Moyal (independent).

At the height of the campaign the two rivals accused each other of being addicted to drugs and having AIDS.

In the first round, Buskila won 38% and Moyal 34%.

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Senior military sources said it was unlikely that they were trying to overrun the position but probably wanted to raise Hizbullah's flag on the ramparts as part of the organization's psychological war against the IDF and SLA.

Eitam said the Nahal Brigade troops, who had recently entered the position, acted in a professional manner and probably inflicted casualties on the attackers.

He said it was possible that the Hizbullah gunmen had launched their attack earlier than planned, believing that they had been spotted because of the training exercise held by the soldiers earlier.

Medical crews went to the scene and treated the two badly wounded soldiers, but it was several minutes before they were evacuated. They were brought to Haifa's Rambam Hospital and were being treated in the its intensive care unit.

During the fighting in the Dla'at region mortars also hit a nearby SLA outpost and two of the soldiers there were lightly wounded.

Once again Hizbullah gunmen fired mortars from the outskirts of villages north of the zone.

Later in the afternoon, in a separate incident, Hizbullah gunmen fired an anti-tank missile at another IDF tank that was on operational duties in the Rehan region, in the northeastern sector of the security zone.

An officer in the tank suffered light to moderate injuries. He was treated at the scene and also evacuated by helicopter to Rambam Hospital, where he was in stable condition last night.

Hizbullah gunmen also fired mortars and anti-tank missiles at SLA positions in the Rehan region, without causing any casualties or damage.

The attacks yesterday followed the incident last week in which three Golani Brigade soldiers were killed in a bomb blast just 30 meters from the IDF's Tel Kaba outpost in the zone's eastern sector.

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He told them that the "only viable options now are unity or early elections. I propose that Likud and Labor members who favor unity put an ultimatum to their leaders and force them to take the matter seriously... Right now we can pass no bills or stop others. I may decide to step down as whip if I conclude that the job is impossible."

The Likud MKs will convene again next week to resume their discussion.

In the meantime, Labor MK Yossi Beilin called a meeting of his faction's MKs, who oppose a national unity government under Netanyahu. Barak strove to calm those in his party who worry that he might succumb to Netanyahu's wooing. Barak said there is "no reason for us to get uptight every time Netanyahu becomes uptight. Whenever he is in distress, Netanyahu sends up trial balloons. These are transparent manipulations on his part, and we should not react hysterically."

Netanyahu yesterday reiterated his denial of Sunday night, insisting "there is no deal with Barak. There is no deal in the making. This is all much ado about nothing."

12 Palestinians lightly wounded in Dura clash

By MOHAMMED NAJIB

Ten Palestinian students were lightly wounded yesterday in Dura, south of Hebron, when an IDF patrol used tear gas and fired rubber bullets after being attacked by stones and petrol bombs, Palestinian sources said.

Two Palestinian policemen were also lightly wounded by rubber bullets during the incident, the sources added. They had been trying to control those attacking the IDF patrol, the sources said.

The IDF Spokesman said in a statement last night that the patrol was "attacked by Palestinian youths who rioted and burned tires. IDF forces dispersed the rioters with rubber bullets and tear gas. There were no wounded [soldiers] and no damage was inflicted."

The wounded Palestinians were transferred to a hospital in Hebron, the Palestinian sources said. A staffer at Alia Hospital said that one person was treated there for tear gas inhalation and released and other people were treated at Ahli Hospital and released.

In Tel Aviv, Palestinian and Israeli negotiators met yesterday to discuss prisoner releases but failed to make progress, according to Hisham Abdel Razik, a Palestinian Authority Minister of State who is responsible for prisoner issues. The PA is demanding that Israel include more political prisoners in the next release, following last Friday's release of mostly criminal offenders.

Three prisoners at Megiddo jail declared a hunger strike on Sunday. Dozens of Palestinians demonstrated yesterday in Gaza City at the Red Cross offices, calling on the PA to secure the release of all Palestinian prisoners belonging to all factions. Palestinian police reportedly dispersed them and prevented them from reaching the house of Mahmoud Abbas, the deputy of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

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Nahman gives up Knesset seat

By NINA GILBERT

Ariel Mayor Ran Nahman resigned from the Knesset yesterday after the High Court of Justice ruled he had 48 hours to decide between his two jobs.

"At this critical time, when the residents of Judea and Samaria are facing great difficulties, Ariel needs leadership," Nahman told a news conference in the Knesset.

He also said that staying in Ariel will enable him to influence, via his role in the settlement movement, the future of the city in advance of a final-status arrangement with the Palestinians. Nahman noted that if he had been a mayor in Israel proper, he would have chosen to serve in the Knesset.

Nahman's position will be taken by Yisrael Katz, 43, a resident of Kfar Ahim. Nahman technically became an MK after Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert resigned from his seat after 25 years in the House due to the law prohibiting an MK from holding the two posts, out of a fear of conflict of interests.

However, he was not sworn in and petitioned the High Court for a temporary injunction to prevent him from losing his job in Ariel until the court made a decision on his Knesset seat.

As a result, there have only been 119 MKs since last week, and Speaker Dan Tichon decided to postpone votes on any controversial legislation.

According to the law, passed in 1996, mayors would have to give up their Knesset seats at the end of their terms. Nahman argued that he should be allowed to serve in the Knesset until he comes up for reelection in May 2000. However, Nahman was not a sitting MK in the present Knesset, after he failed to regain his seat in the 1996 elections.

Ron Nahman, with his wife Dorit at his side, announces yesterday that he will remain mayor of Ariel. (Kevin Unger)

Omer Mayor Pini Badash (Tsomet), who was reelected this month, has announced that he will resign from the Knesset next week.

He is to be replaced by Doron Shmueli, who has cut his ties with Tsomet, although he is still earmarked in the party's slot on the joint list with Likud and Gesher. A year ago, he joined the Likud.

Shmueli said last night that he "intends to take the position." The next MK on the joint list is Gesher's Motti Misbani, a Levy family loyalist.

Katz is a veteran Likud activist and considered a close of ally Avigdor Lieberman, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. Last year, Katz embarrassed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu when he was instrumental in defeating the party's primary system.

But Nahman's move is also considered good for Netanyahu, lest he face more opposition from settlement leaders, although he tried to persuade him to take the job yesterday.

Sarah Honig contributed to this report.

NEWS

in brief

Labor MKs seek to block Orr's reinstatement

A group of Labor MKs yesterday filed an appeal against a decision by the party's Knesset faction to reinstate MK Ori Orr to his party positions, from which he was suspended after making derogatory comments about Sephardi Jews in a newspaper interview three years ago. In a letter to Labor Party secretary-general Ra'anan Cohen, the MKs – Nissim Zvilli, Haim Ramon, Adisu Massala, Eitan Cabel, Haggai Merom and Eli Ben-Menachem – asked for the matter to be put to a vote in the party central committee. The party's relations with the Sephardi communities are of "primary importance," relate to the party's basic values, and have far-reaching implications, they said. Labor sources said the move is considered a "stab in the back" of Ehud Barak, who backed Orr's reinstatement. *Nina Gilbert*

Wiesenthal Center seeks Latvian apology

The Simon Wiesenthal Center yesterday demanded an apology for a recent advertisement the Latvian government put in the Israeli press. The advertisement published in the name of *President Guntis Ulmanis* last Wednesday to celebrate Latvia's *independence omitted any mention of the Holocaust* and Latvia's role in the killing of Jews. "In *effect, this ad is a public* announcement that the denial of the role played by numerous Latvians in the murder of the local Jewish communities, the annihilation of thousands of German and Austrian Jews deported to Latvia...has become *official* policy," a statement issued by the center said. A spokeswoman for Ulmanis, however, said that given his previous statements on the Holocaust where he expressed contrition, the president did not feel it necessary to mention the subject in an independence advertisement. *Reuters*

11,000 women got help from crisis centers

For the first time, there is a clear if partial measure of violence against women in this country. The Israel Women's Network released statistics yesterday from the first nationwide survey of agencies that deal with domestic violence and sexual assault.

Nearly 11,000 women turned to the country's nine rape crisis centers in 1997. Eight hundred women and 1,100 children sought protection in 12 shelters for battered women. At least 1,410 battered women were treated in emergency rooms; this number reflects only cases brought to the attention of social workers. More than 9,000 calls were fielded by hot lines. Police recorded 20,057 complaints of domestic violence, 766 of rape and 1,749 of indecent acts. *Esther Hecht*

Changes expected in religious councils

By LIAT COLLINS

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi Doron said yesterday he would like to cooperate with the Knesset Interior Committee on disbanding religious councils and *creating a new system supplying* religious needs through the regular local councils.

The move follows a Supreme Court decision permitting Reform and Conservative Jews to sit on the councils.

United Torah Judaism threatened to quit the coalition if a religious council convened with a Reform or Conservative member in attendance. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau spoke against members of the Reform movement sitting on the religious councils but did not object to the councils being abolished or taking on a different form.

The Knesset Interior Committee is due to discuss several bills on the matter next week.

In a preliminary meeting yesterday at the Chief Rabbinate, Interior Committee chairman Micha Goldman (Labor) called for a "complete revolution in the religious councils." He expected large savings which could be spent directly on improving religious services. Goldman said 90% of the religious councils' budgets go on salaries.

At a later meeting with Labor leader Ehud Barak both Lau and Bakshi-Doron spoke of the need to revamp the religious councils.

"It is commonsense to support efficiency steps even in the religious councils, but one cannot ignore the fact that the move comes after the High Court ruling regarding the Reform and Conservative members on the religious councils," Barak said.

Yona Yahav noted that his bill calling for the religious councils to be disbanded passed preliminary reading last November with support of MKs from different parties, including haredim.

MK Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) said yesterday he also favors disbanding the religious councils. "The Third Way will vote against any proposal which discriminates against the Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionists even if it means voting no-confidence in the prime minister," Lubotzky said. He said the religious councils are being used by the religious parties like the Histadrut was used by Labor.

Deputy Education Minister Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) called on the prime minister not to give in to threats which would prevent non-Orthodox members from sitting on the religious councils.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said although he favors abolishing the religious councils, in theory he does not believe that they would cease to exist. "They will just exist under a different name," he said.

Moledet's Benny Elon, who is religious, said he objects to the religious councils having members who are chosen by political parties.

At the meeting with Interior Committee members at the Chief Rabbinate, Goldman asked the chief rabbis to inform rabbis paid by state funds that they are forbidden by law to be involved in political party activities of any kind. This follows the publication of an announcement signed by several municipal rabbis against the Wye agreement.

No stranger to the cold shoulder

IN CONTEXT

By HERB KEINON

Joyce Brenner, a 58-year old social work professor from Netanya, could be excused for watching the brouhaha surrounding the current religious council crisis with a knowing, if somewhat bemused, look on her face.

The current crisis was spawned by United Torah Judaism and Shas threats to leave the government if a way is not found to circumvent the High Court decision last week, which ordered the Jerusalem and Kiryat Tivon religious councils to seat Reform and Conservative representatives.

These threats, as well as comparisons some haredi politicians are making between Reform and Conservative Judaism and Christianity, and demands for a law to bypass the High Court on this issue, all sound distinctly familiar to Brenner.

Last year, she was the central partner in this very same dance. In August 1997, after three years of legal wrangling, the High Court ordered that Brenner, a Meretz representative and member of Netanya's Reform synagogue, be allowed to join Netanya,s religious council. She was the first.

"The same reactions that we are seeing now," Brenner said, "were seen then as well. It was a big deal, a major storm. People talked as if the world was falling apart and that the government would fall. Everything going on now is very similar."

That being the case, and past experience often being a reliable gauge of what to expect in the future, it is instructive to look at Brenner's experience on the Netanya council to see what may be in store in Jerusalem and Kiryat Tivon.

First of all, despite the threats to leave the government, the haredi parties remain part of Prime Minister Netanyahu's coalition. And despite calls to disband the religious councils and have another, more efficient body provide religious service, no such action has been taken.

Interestingly enough, the calls have come from people like UTJ MK Avraham Ravitz, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron. But to disband the councils would incur the wrath of two other religious parties, Shas and the National Religious party, for whom the councils provide valuable patronage possibilities. "I am a member of the [religious] council, and they have accepted me," Brenner said. "Not with love, but with manners and politeness. I've been to three or four meetings. The ultra-Orthodox have not come to those meetings, although one of their representatives came to the last meeting. Everyone has been polite. I figure it is all politics. They needed to seat me to have the money flow, they need my presence."

Joyce Brenner (Israel Sun)

Meimad signs Burg

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Meimad, which until now has been identified as a moderate religious movement, yesterday broadened its political image by announcing that Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg, (Labor) and MK Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) had joined its ranks.

According to Ofer Glantz, head of the Meimad political branch, the two are the first of a number of high-profile political figures who will be joining Meimad in the near future. Their joining marked Meimad's transition from an ideological movement, since "Our aim is to run for the Knesset," Glantz said.

Glantz said Meimad was centrist and he admitted that "it is crowded in the center." The fact that both Burg, who was known as a leftist, and Lubotsky, who came from the right, could find a place there proved Meimad's credentials as a centrist movement.

He stressed that the movement uniquely viewed Israel as both a Jewish state and a democratic state. Other parties stressed one or the other, he said.

Although Meimad had begun as a religious movement, it was attracting a steady stream of members, including those who were not particularly observant and did not identify themselves as religious. The movement did not check on anyone's religious observance, he said.

"We assert that Judaism does not negate democracy, it only strengthens it," Glantz said.

"The movement, he said, was for the rule of law. For example, it opposed having rabbis issuing halachic rulings on political issues. It was something that rabbis were forbidden to do, as well as being against the law.

Liat Collins adds:

MK Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) said yesterday "not too much" should be read into his decision to sign up as a member of Meimad. "It is a movement not a political party," he said. "When they asked me to join up I did not find a reason to refuse." Lubotzky said he favored future cooperation between the Third Way and Meimad.

"If Meimad decides to run as a party in the elections, I hope it decides to do so with Third Way," he said.

Lubotzky is considered an asset to the movement because of his reputation in the Knesset as someone working to bridge the divide between religious and secular.

Students reject PM spokesman's verbal assault

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Attempts to renew the talks among Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Treasury officials and student leaders continued behind the scenes yesterday, even as verbal broadsides were exchanged over the students' failure to attend a meeting with Netanyahu late Sunday night.

Student leaders vowed to continue the strike. Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said the Histadrut would shut down the economy tomorrow, but he also urged the students to resume negotiations.

The students accused Treasury officials of using Netanyahu as the "good cop" in negotiations but restricting what he can offer.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's spokesman Aviv Bushinsky said the current student leadership is "incapable" of ending the strike.

"A very, very negative dynamic of negotiations has developed here, in which... the prime minister is really trying to solve the crisis, but the Treasury restricts what he can do," Yoav Heller, leader of the student struggle, said in explaining why the students skipped the meeting.

Heller said the students had been facing another night of long discussions which they believed would again fail to deal with the main issues.

The students also complained that the late hour set for the meetings failed to take into consideration that many of the student leaders are on a hunger strike. Some 50 students are still conducting the hunger strike opposite the prime minister's residence.

Student spokesman Shmuel Algrabli explained that skipping the meeting was a legitimate negotiating tactic and that students had met with their advisers for three *negotiations.*

The students also reacted angrily to Bushinsky's claims yesterday morning on Israel Radio that they are "politicizing" their strike.

"It now seems clear to us that there are outside motives, definitely political considerations," said Bushinsky. "If the students seek alliances with the Histadrut... there is some foreign body that is manipulating them, because they themselves don't know why they are doing things."

Treasury Budget Director David Milgrom also criticized the students, saying they "have lost control and lack the will and ability to end the strike. In doing so, they are demonstrating a lack of *responsibility for the students who* are missing classes."

But Eitan Zeliger, a student leader and Likud activist, rejected Bushinsky's claims of politicization and said if someone in the Prime Minister's Office still believes it is political, they should know that thousands of participants in the demonstrations are Likud supporters.

Several dozen students participated in yesterday's demonstration opposite the Knesset by Mekorot workers, and students took their protest on the road, launching a motorcade which will hold demonstrations in various cities, ending in Kiryat Gat tomorrow.

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Knesset panel considers help for Argentinian Jewry

By **ARYEH DEAN COHEN**

To offset the financial crisis seriously threatening Jewish education in Argentina, the Na'aleh program to bring high school pupils from the former Soviet Union to study here may be expanded to Argentinian youngsters.

The suggestion was one of several raised during a Knesset Immigration Committee discussion of the subject yesterday.

Chairman Naomi Blumenthal recommended that a substantial amount of the NIS 20 million to be allocated by the government for Jewish education in the Diaspora be earmarked for Argentina.

Jewish Agency Director-General Shimshon Shoshani and government officials plan to visit Argentina next week to evaluate the situation.

The economic crisis peaked with the bankruptcy of the two largest Jewish-owned banks in Argentina, Banco Patricios and Banco de Mayo, the latter owned by local Jewish community leader Dr. Reuven Beraja.

Flyers were distributed recently in a Buenos Aires Jewish neighborhood reading "Hitler = Dr. Beraja," Amos Hermon, co-chairman of the agency's education committee, told the panel. Meretz director-general Benny Temkin cited the appearance of newspaper articles attacking "ethnic banks," which have clear antisemitic overtones.

Outlining the crisis facing Jewish schools, Hermon said the bank crisis would likely eliminate the subsidies enjoyed by 40 percent of the 20,000 pupils. Registration is likely to decline sharply, he said, and participation in previously subsidized Israel summer programs is dropping.

"It was difficult for middle class Jews to pay tuition even when the classes were being subsidized by the community," Temkin said. "Now with that subsidy disappearing, this will be even more difficult, and this will lead to the closure of schools."

The Yerushalayim elementary school in Buenos Aires closed this week, its 400 pupils distributed among the remaining Jewish elementary schools in the city, Hermon said.

Former Hashomer Hatza'ir emissary David Teitelbaum warned that the current crisis is also affecting Zionist youth movements which supply links to Judaism for Jewish youngsters who do not attend Jewish schools.

Hermon noted that despite the crisis and rising antisemitism, immigration from Argentina is down. Over the past 10 months, only 628 immigrants have come, compared to 1,080 in the same period last year and 1,200 the year before.

Education Ministry, Absorption Ministry, and Jewish Agency officials agreed to continue discussions aimed at expanding the Na'aleh program in some way for Argentinian youths.

Absorption Ministry assistant director Hanoch Tzamir added that a "Second Chance" program aimed at hundreds of Argentinian Jews who had lived here before is being prepared, along with other plans being specially tailored to Argentinian Jews' needs.

ADL: Antisemitism declining in US

By **MARILYN HENRY**

NEW YORK – Antisemitic attitudes are declining in the US, although some 25 million Americans still hold hard-core antisemitic views, the Anti-Defamation League reported yesterday.

Some 12 percent of Americans believe a range of pejorative stereotypes about Jews, including that "Jews have too much power" and "Jews are more loyal to Israel than America." However, this is a decline from the 20% who had such views in 1992, according to the ADL's "Survey on Anti-Semitism and Prejudice in America."

Among the antisemites, 79% believe that "Jews are more loyal to Israel than America," a sentiment held by only 24% of the rest of the American public.

More than half of all Americans, 53%, are not antisemitic, the ADL said in its report, which is separate from its annual audit of antisemitic incidents in the US.

That leaves 35% in the middle. "That group troubles us because we're not really sure what would trigger that [antisemitic] latency," said ADL director Abraham Foxman.

And although black antisemitism declined, it did not drop as sharply as in the general population and remains alarming, Foxman said at a news conference.

The national poll of 999 American adults, conducted last month, found a correlation between antisemitism, age, and educational levels: older and less educated people are more likely to be bigoted.

Overall, Foxman said he is heartened by the findings. "It is a real sign that Americans are becoming more tolerant and accepting of others."

Among observers, however, there is a growing sense that a society's treatment of Jews is not a fair barometer of its general tolerance, because other groups remain subject to bigotry and violence, such as gays in the US or Turks in Germany.

Foxman acknowledged that antisemitism may not be the "right measure" of tolerance within a society.

However, he pointed to the current chaos in Russia in which the Communist Party used classical antisemitism as part of its bid to regain power.

Antisemitism, he said, "still becomes the measuring rod of what is a healthy society. It doesn't mean there aren't other hatreds, but antisemitism has a certain resiliency."

French muscles bike for muscular dystrophy

The French Embassy yesterday organized a bicycle benefit ride from Jerusalem to Rehovot, some 60 kms., on behalf of children around the world suffering from muscular dystrophy. The ride began at Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus and ended at the Weizmann Institute. Twenty-two other countries are also running their own benefit marathons in cooperation with France's Channel 2 TV. Hospital director Dr. Jacques Michel said he hopes the event will become an annual affair in Israel.

(Text: Judy Siegel/Photo: Avi Hayoun)

Rebbes hold reconciliation meeting

By **HAIM SHAPIRO**

After three months of strife, the Rebbe of Vizhnitz, Moshe Hagger, went from his home in Bnei Brak to visit the Rebbe of Gur, Ya'acov Arye Alter, in Jerusalem. For most Israelis the meeting went unnoticed, but for the Gur and Vizhnitz Hassidim, it was a summit meeting of shattering importance.

The tension began when Vizhnitz accused Gur of taking all the positions in Agudat Yisrael. The Rebbe of Vizhnitz resigned from the Aguda Council of Sages and in the municipal elections he told his followers to vote for Shas rather than Aguda.

A spokesman for Vizhnitz said yesterday that the two did not discuss politics, but an expert on Hassidism explained that it was easy to see that Vizhnitz had backed down.

"They didn't have to discuss politics. The fact that the Rebbe of Vizhnitz, who is over 80, went to visit the Rebbe of Gur, who is about 50, says it all. Vizhnitz capitulated," said Dr. Yitzhak Alfasi, an expert on Hassidism and author of a recent book on Habad.

Clinton doesn't intend to visit Knesset while in Jerusalem

AT THE KNESSET

By **LIAT COLLINS and ARYEH DEAN COHEN**

US President Bill Clinton plummeted in popularity in the Knesset yesterday when the House received signs that he does not intend to visit the Knesset during his trip to the region next month.

Clinton is scheduled to attend the convention of the Palestinian National Council in Gaza on December 14 and is expected later to visit Jerusalem.

It is customary for heads of states visiting Israel to come to the Knesset if it is in session and even address it on a first visit.

Clinton spoke in the Knesset plenum during an official visit in 1994.

The Knesset was planning a special festive session in his honor, although it now looks likely he will instead visit a local school.

Comptroller: Ministers misuse documents

State Comptroller Eliezer Goldberg said yesterday that ministers and deputy ministers treat the documents in their offices as if they were personal property.

In a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee regarding official documents, Goldberg said the ministers' attention should be drawn to the fact that the documents which reach them during their term in office are state property.

State Archivist Evyatar Preezel agreed with Goldberg's complaints and said there is no proper preservation of official documents. He said that in some ministries important documents have been destroyed. He called for more awareness of the importance of saving documents.

Committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) said he would initiate a bill which would make ministers and deputy ministers responsible for forwarding documents to the State Archives.

NIS 84.6m. approved for immigrant housing

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved NIS 84.6 million for use by the Absorption Ministry for rental housing for new immigrants.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein had requested the funding, which will allow for another 1,500 apartments for immigrants.

An Absorption Ministry spokesman said the move would also prevent many elderly or needy immigrants from having to annually move from apartment to apartment.

Edelstein told the committee that the ministry is still trying to find permanent housing for immigrants who came here in 1990.

He said the new Public Housing Law has limited the public housing market, with only a small number of such apartments vacated since the law passed, compared to some 6,000 per year in years past.

Pines-Paz protests decision not to discuss body parts controversy

MK Ophir Pines-Paz (Labor) yesterday complained that the Knesset Presidium had refused the request by him and MK Hanan Porat (NRP) to discuss in the plenum as an urgent motion to the agenda the way the remains of the commandos slain in Lebanon last year were buried without their parents' knowledge. The presidium referred the matter directly to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee without a preliminary debate on it.

Pines-Paz said the decision not to discuss the matter in the plenum shows "insensitivity."

The Knesset spokesman however said the presidium's decision was made due to the sensitivity of the issue and out of respect for the dead. The plenum debates are all televised live. The committee will be able to hold a more thorough discussion and draw the necessary conclusions, he said. He noted that the IDF had stated that the procedures had been changed.

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Police nab suspects in Mea She'arim attack

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and LIAT COLLINS

Police have arrested ten suspects in connection with the destruction 12 days ago of an apartment belonging to three Swiss Christian women living in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim. They are expected to be arraigned within days, according to Jerusalem Police Commander Yair Yitzhaki.

Speaking before the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday, Yitzhaki said that because of the gravity of the incident, the police had established a special investigation team, and added that more arrests are expected, although some of those involved have left the city and gone underground.

Yitzhaki said arrests are also imminent in connection with another attack near Mea She'arim, which took place Saturday night in the apartment of a 17-year-old who had left the haredi fold.

Police believe a group of haredi men broke a window in Ben-Zion Karni's apartment on Shmuel Hanavi Street, then poured kerosene through the opening and set the place alight.

Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said the attack was carried out by haredim, possibly belonging to the Eda Haredit Rabbinical Council's Modesty Patrol, and was not a criminal act involving debts, as reported in a religious newspaper yesterday. Ben-Ruby added that Karni had also been beaten up three weeks ago.

Members of the Interior Committee voiced clear condemnation of both attacks. Although all the MKs were united in their call against violence and what many described as "a pogrom," Nissan Slomiansky (National Religious Party) asked why the women, who had been living in the apartment for more than three years, had chosen to live in the neighborhood. He later said the incident appeared to have been sparked off when a local child was found with missionary material.

Martha Knuti, one of the women who lives there said: "We have a good relationship with the neighborhood, which was important for us, and it's very important for me to say that I do not accuse these people. I have nothing against them."

Marcel Rebiai, representative of a group to which the women belong, said the group has no name, but is a community or family dedicated to creating better Christian-Jewish-Arab relations and to pray for peace. He denied the group works as missionaries.

"We really believe Israel is in need of friends," he said. "Our aim is, as Christians, to give a sign of reconciliation and help the [Jewish] People...

"Just to explain the connection between Christians and Jews is not easy," Rebiai said.

Committee chairman Micha Goldman (Labor) praised the police, but following comments by several MKs, called on it to ensure better intelligence in haredi neighborhoods.

But Shai Horovitz, spokesperson for Manof, a haredi think tank on current issues and a media watchdog organization, said the attack was perpetrated by a small group, and shouldn't be used as an excuse to condemn all haredim.

"The way of Torah is not the way of violence," he said. "Most haredi people are against this kind of behavior. It's just a very small group."

National service fair

Education Minister Yitzhak Levy attends the opening of a four-day national service fair in Jerusalem yesterday. Levy said that the conditions of women performing national service should be equal to those of their IDF counterparts. (Brian Hendler)

Israelis won't be prosecuted for gambling in PA

By LIAT COLLINS

Israelis who gamble at the Oasis Casino in Jericho might be technically breaking the law, but it is a safe bet they won't be prosecuted. More than one person at the Knesset Law Committee meeting on the subject yesterday used the word "anomaly" to describe the legal situation which has been created at the casino.

Committee chairman Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) noted that under the Oslo Accords, Israelis are still subject to Israeli law in the autonomous areas and gambling, which is illegal in Israel, is also forbidden to Israelis visiting Jericho. This is unlike the situation of Israelis who go abroad to gamble, he said.

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein said that although Israelis in the autonomous areas are subject to Israeli laws, the state has no jurisdiction over Jericho and would not necessarily follow up cases of gambling.

"The finger will not be quick on the trigger," he said. "But citizens need to know that, from a legal viewpoint, it is a crime."

Rubinstein said Israel had been asked by the casino owners to show "indulgence" toward Israelis who visit the casino, but refused to agree to this.

Police Cmdr. Yehiel Halperin said that since the casino opened in September, there have been 11 complaints involving Israelis, including one concerning an attack on a photographer and one for breaking into a car. Most of the others were over counterfeit currency. Some 150,000 people have visited the casino.

Several MKs on the Left accused Porat of trying to act against the casino simply because it is in the autonomous areas.

Eitan, FM disagree on desalination plan

By LIAT COLLINS

Israel must immediately begin a water desalination program to avoid a future crisis in water supplies, according to Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan.

His opinion contradicts the Finance Ministry's stand that the country can wait 10 years to start such a project and better use the money elsewhere.

"The tenders should be issued now; the sites of the desalination plants should be determined now; the procedure and planning should be decided on now. Now. This very minute." Eitan said.

He rejected the suggestion of waiting another decade as "unprofessional and divorced from reality."

Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir also criticized the Finance Ministry's projections.

"We should preempt and not wait another decade." he said. "If I am mistaken and we start to desalinate too early then we will have invested money which we could have waited to invest. But if the Finance Ministry is mistaken and as a result we suffer a lack of water because we have no desalination program, it will be a lack we will be unable to cope with."

However, Ben-Meir said the need for desalination is not immediate.

A former deputy water commissioner, Shaul Arlosoroff told Israel Radio that before desalination, which is expensive, the country should use the potential of the huge amounts of sewage which are not being sufficiently treated for reuse and are also a source of pollution.

He also said more effort should be put into preventing the waste of water in both the domestic and agricultural sectors.

Last week Likud whip Meir Sheetrit and Labor MK Yossi Beilin submitted a bill under which the National Infrastructure Ministry would have to build a series of desalination plants, starting at Hadera, to be established by an entrepreneur chosen through an international tender.

Water officials next week will decide whether or not to continue pumping water from the Kinneret. The water level there is just 54 centimeters above the red line, at which no more water can safely be pumped.

Ben-Meir, however, said the water level meets expectations so far. "This is an arid country. We shouldn't be surprised every time at the water level," he said.

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Never wrong, again

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

"Cyprus is a part of Anatolia by means of geography, geology and climate," proclaims the first page of a fatuous piece of Turkish propaganda that just arrived in the mail. Its heading proclaims "Cyprus is not a Greek island."

Yes, certain democracies still pump out comic-opera propaganda against even their democratic neighbors.

The Turkish propaganda machine is finely tuned to react to any perceived slight to the great Anatolian ego. Greek Cypriot indignation over the current spy scandal obviously triggered this mail-to-media splurge denying Cypriot Hellenism on the grounds of geology and climate.

Italy is currently experiencing a deluge of Turkish abuse and trade sanctions for upholding its own constitution in refusing to extradite a Kurdish guerrilla leader to a country with a death penalty, not to mention several other gruesome ways of dealing with its enemies.

During the nine years I spent covering the Greeks and Turks, I came to the conclusion that the most tiresome aspect of dealing with Greek officials is that they are always right, but the worst part of dealing with Turkey's is that they are never wrong.

What's a Greek?

The distinction is more than semantic. Greece's "always rightness" can be flexible about past sins, Turkey's "never wrongness" never relaxes. If there is any lack of ancient Greek culture in Cyprus – a place mentioned several times in Homer's literature before the Turks existed – it is in the north, occupied by 30,000 Turkish troops. There every mention of Greece has been expunged, or else looted and exported.

With a fine disregard for academic verity, the curator of Kyrenia Castle museum once informed me that the famous ancient Greek sailing ship, preserved there since before the 1974 Turkish invasion, is Turkish, and had been found by a Turkish Cypriot.

Since I personally knew the Greek diver, Andreas Karaolis, who found it and who took a group of us down to see it being lifted, and later under preservation, the lie was transparent.

"No," the curator assured me with impassive denial, "you are wrong."

Turkey seems to live in a state of infuriating denial about some of its most appalling abuses of humanity. It is unbending in its never-wrongness. To this day, the Armenian massacre at the start of this century never happened. There have been no admissions, no apologies and no compensation.

What's a Kurd?

For years the Turks refused to admit that Kurds even existed – there was no such thing, no Kurdish language, no Kurdish culture, nothing. It became so ludicrous that once I was chased through the Nicosia palace of Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash by a distraught Turkish aide who insisted that where Denktash had used the word "Kurd" in our interview, I must substitute the phrase "mountain Turk."

Turkey did not invade Cyprus of course, it was another of those Middle Eastern peace operations, although the image was somewhat spoiled by calling it Operation Attila. And in the current row over the European Union denying it membership, it is the EU that is totally out of order. Turkey is never wrong.

Turkey is always praised as the only Islamic country with a real democracy, but when the United States or Israel refer to Turkey, it is the word "strategic" that is most often heard.

Beneath the democracy, it is military might that ripples most visibly, like the muscles under the skin of a Turkish wrestler. It was the value of its military muscle that kept the US and NATO cravenly quiet during this democracy's invasion of Cyprus in 1974, during all the years of relentless warfare against the Kurds, during the vast catalog of human-rights abuses and police brutality documented by the United Nations and Amnesty International.

It is military muscle that is behind Israel's blind strategic alliance with Turkey that is damaging its relations with Greece and Cyprus. It carries the danger of spawning a new counter-axis in the Middle East – strategic alliances abhor a vacuum.

Military visibility in Turkey's domestic politics is directly proportional to the amount of Islamic activity in the political hinterland. It is the army's self-appointed role to maintain the secular character of a state that is 90 percent Moslem, but whose modern founder Kemal Ataturk forcibly wrenched into Westernization.

The Ataturk cult of personality still towers over Turkey, with his statues either vast or tiny never out of one's field of view. But there are plenty of Moslem Galileos around muttering *"e pur se muove"* – Islam still moves.

It is one thing to admire the success of Turkish democracy's separation of mosque and state – it is quite another to turn a blind eye to unacceptable standards of behavior for a democracy in terms of human-rights abuses and excessive military influence.

The European Union is correct to expect Turkey to conform strictly to its rules of entry, quite right to wait and see when the army can keep its hands entirely off the levers of state power.

"Strategic" just doesn't cut it as a European any more.

Antisemitism storms Russia

By MAURA REYNOLDS

Antisemitism is as perennial in Russia as the snow, arriving in force during seasons of economic discontent. (AP)

MOSCOW – Amid economic collapse, Russia has at least one growth industry: hatred.

In recent weeks, following time-dishonored tradition, some Russians have been blaming the country's woes on Jews.

The new wave of antisemitism is not just gutter talk. Diatribes laced with racial slurs have echoed repeatedly in Russia's highest forums – on national television, in front of the Kremlin and in Parliament. Some political leaders have shown support, or at least stood silent, while their compatriots have spewed vitriol.

It's ugly, but no one is yet sure whether it's dangerous.

"There could easily be isolated incidents of violence," said Alexander Motyl, who studies Russian ethnic issues at Columbia University. "But I'm doubtful this could lead to sustained outbreaks, at least for some time."

Antisemitism is as perennial in Russia as the snow. It tends to arrive in force during seasons of economic discontent, and it lurks beneath the surface the rest of the time as stubbornly as permafrost.

Nonetheless, the current storm is unusual in both strength and breadth.

It began in early October when a prominent and notoriously acid-tongued general, Albert M. Makashov, disgorged a stream of abuse during a public rally outside the Kremlin. His remarks were largely incoherent except for the use of a Russian epithet for Jews and the general suggestion that they should be identified and punished.

Makashov is a Communist deputy in the Duma, the parliament's lower house. Liberal lawmakers drafted a mild motion denouncing the general's remarks as "cause for concern." However, when it came up for a vote, Communist lawmakers abstained and the motion failed.

The controversy has intensified, with much of the discussion focusing on whether the Communists, and party leader Gennady Zyuganov in particular, are promoting anti-Semitism.

THERE'S an historical irony to that debate. The Communist Party espouses eternal loyalty to the teachings of founder Lenin, who at times wrote eloquently against anti-Semitism and Russian nationalism. Yet, especially since the Soviet collapse, the party has found itself ideologically adrift. As a result, Russian nationalism and its antisemitic corollary have become a kind of default ideology.

"The entire leadership of the party turned out to support not the Communist Makashov, but the anti-Semite Makashov," wrote Vitaly Tretyakov, editor of the *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* newspaper. "Now it is almost futile to try and prove that Russian Communism and Russian antisemitism are not one and the same thing." Even the Kremlin has been drawn into the fray, demanding a firmer response from law enforcement against "extremism." Federal prosecutors complied, opening an investigation into whether Makashov's remarks were an illegal incitement to violence.

"When the situation in the country becomes difficult, many feel an urge to look for enemies and culprits. You know which ethnic groups are being mentioned in this case," said Dmitri Yakushkin, spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin.

The country's three main television networks have devoted considerable air time to the debate, much of it highly critical of Makashov and Zyuganov.

The ORT network featured a mock-serious segment in which pedestrians were shown Makashov's picture and asked to identify his ethnicity. About half said he looked Jewish. The network then offered advice on how to measure facial features to ascertain racial purity and "ensure admission to the glorious future." Still, such heavy-handed ridicule does little to attack the roots of the problem, which are old and deep.

CZARIST Russia herded Jews into the region called the "Pale of Settlement," and it gave the world the word "pogrom." In Soviet times, Jews were excluded from some universities and professions and targeted by thinly veiled campaigns such as attacks on "cosmopolitanism." In the free-for-all post-Soviet period, racists and neo-Nazis have discovered new freedom to promote their ideas, and skinhead attacks against nonwhites are reported to be on the rise.

It doesn't help the forces of tolerance that several Jewish businessmen and officials have played prominent roles in the economy's rise and recent fall.

At least half of the powerful "oligarchs" who control a significant percentage of the economy are Jewish. The reviled architect of Yeltsin's failed reform policies, Anatoly Chubais, is rumored to be Jewish, along with Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov, ousted deputy prime minister Boris Nemtsov and Yeltsin's wife, Naina.

Finally, even the Russian language has a conceptual difficulty with Jewishness. Although English has separate ideas of nationality and ethnicity, the two are combined in the Russian term "natsionalnost." In common parlance, one can be either Russian or Jewish, but not both.

IT is hard to tell where the current upsurge will lead.

There has been a backlash, particularly from the television networks. The influential tabloid *Moskovsky Komsomolets* printed a long article comparing side-by-side quotes from Zyuganov and Adolf Hitler.

In the wake of such criticism, the Duma on November 13 held a second vote and adopted a statement purportedly denouncing ethnic hatred. But the language was so vague that it could be read equally as criticism of the media.

For the time being, said Alan Rousso, director of the Carnegie Moscow Center think tank, the debate is generating a "permissive atmosphere" that could lead to some incidents of violence.

However, the Communists remain an opposition party without the levers of state control and riven by internal disputes. And so far none of the strong nationalists – primarily former General Alexander Lebed and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov – are is jumping on the antisemitic bandwagon.

"I don't think there's a Hitler in Russia right now," Rousso said.

On the contrary, Luzhkov – whose political star is on the rise – is known to have good relations with Jewish leaders. He has denounced Makashov for "savagery and neanderthalism that threatens to destroy the only thing that keeps us together in the Russian Federation – our multinational ties."

In fact, some analysts believe that there is a possibility that the antisemitism debate may break open a rift in the Communist Party between social moderates and the nationalist hard line.

At a minimum, it has forced the defection of some prominent Communist allies. And it seems to have cooled Luzhkov's interest in an alliance, which some had seen as a way to unify the party around a centrist platform.

In the final analysis, Communists taking aim at Jews may wind up undermining their own party instead. Even Lenin, in his own way, seems to have foreseen the possibility.

"Scratch some Communists," he wrote disparagingly in 1919, "and you will find Russian chauvinists."

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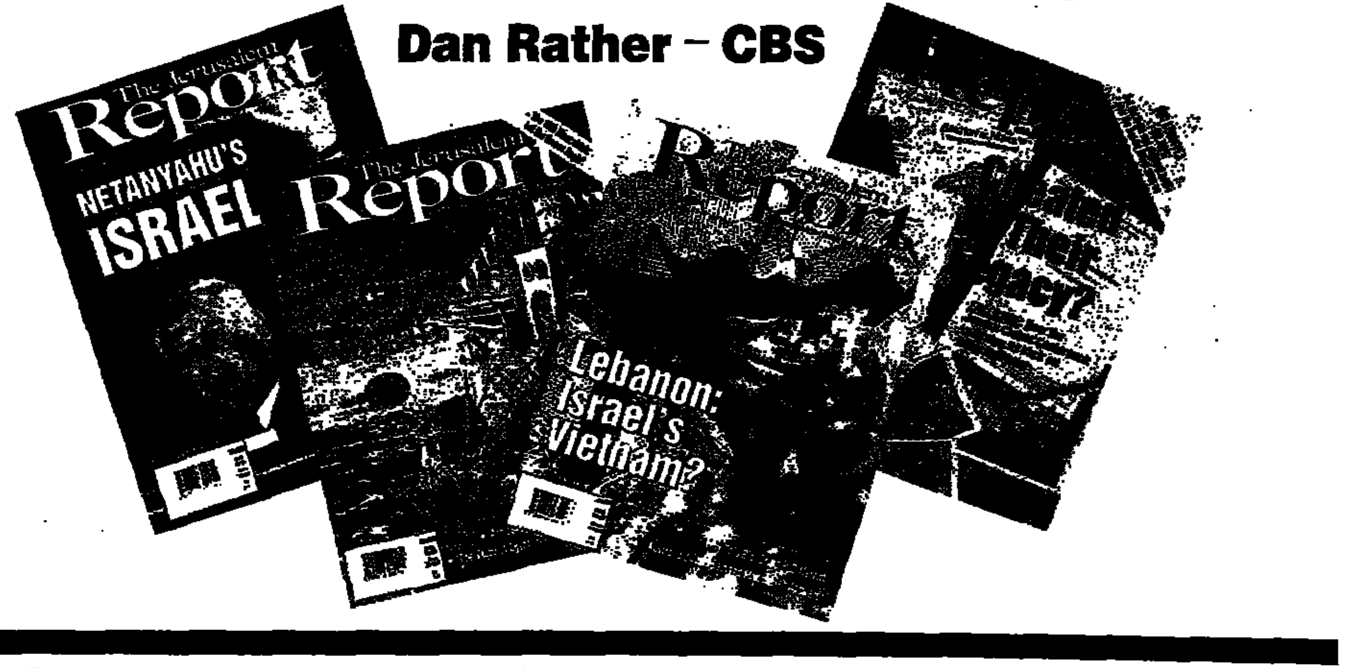

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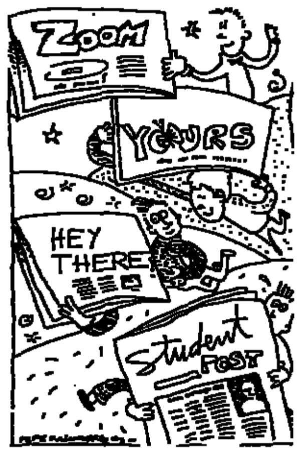

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Ailing Yeltsin shown on TV

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russian President Boris Yeltsin faces at least a week in the hospital to recover from pneumonia, but will probably receive more visitors for talks along the lines of those with China's leader yesterday, the Kremlin said.

Despite the official assurances, the latest deterioration in Yeltsin's health prompted fresh calls for an early presidential election and further set back his faltering efforts to show he can still rule Russia and tackle its severe economic crisis.

Russian television showed silent footage of Yeltsin shaking hands with Chinese President Jiang Zemin at Moscow's elite Central Clinical Hospital, where the Russian leader was admitted Sunday with pneumonia and was prescribed antibiotics.

By contrast, Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov was decidedly audible, urging security officials to crack down on corruption, extremism, and crimes such as the murder last Friday of parliamentarian Galina Starovoitova.

Primakov has taken on new responsibilities as Yeltsin's role has diminished, although the president retains control of Russia's nuclear arsenal.

Some politicians and at least one prominent Kremlin aide already call Primakov the unofficial vice president, although he shrugs off any suggestion he harbors presidential ambitions.

Russian stock and currency traders were unfazed by the news of Yeltsin's latest illness. They argue the damage has already been done to markets by Russia's economic chaos. Shares rose slightly and the rouble edged lower against the dollar.

"The fundamentals still stink," said one dealer.

Yeltsin, who goes to great lengths to try to show he is well and in political control, decided to meet Jiang in the hospital. It was the first time in seven years as president that Yeltsin had received a foreign head of state in a such a way, although he has met visitors at residences outside Moscow.

Jiang arrived Sunday to give impetus to improving ties between the world's most populous country and its largest. The Kremlin said the two men discussed mutual ties and international affairs and would issue a joint statement.

Yeltsin, who had hoped that open heart surgery two years ago would extend his political life, has suffered bronchitis, exhaustion, and irregular blood pressure in recent weeks and has taken a back seat in the day-to-day running of the country. Yet he rejects allegations by opponents that he is unable to govern and says he will serve out his term until mid-2000.

Guards and plainclothes police check cars yesterday at the gates of the hospital to which Russian President Boris Yeltsin (inset) was rushed with pneumonia on Sunday. (AP)

WORLD

in brief

Cambodian leader Hun Sen given firm control

PHNOM PENH (AP) – Cambodia's top two political parties yesterday sealed a deal that will place Prime Minister-elect Hun Sen and his Cambodian People's Party in firm control of a coalition government.

Bitter enemies just a few months ago, Hun Sen and coalition partner Prince Norodom Ranariddh joked and laughed as they signed agreements of cooperation and toasted the new government with champagne, along with senior members of both parties.

The jovial atmosphere gave no hint of the two sides' armed confrontation last year when Hun Sen ousted Ranariddh as his co-prime minister in a violent coup.

After meeting for more than an hour, Hun Sen and Ranariddh signed a joint political platform and a division of cabinet posts that will give Hun Sen and the CPP tight control of fiscal and administrative functions.

Space station orbits Earth without a glitch

MOSCOW (AP) – Russian and US ground controllers yesterday adjusted the orbit of the new international space station's first module to prepare for a rendezvous with another module next month.

The Russian-built *Zarya*, or sunrise, module has been smoothly orbiting Earth since a faultless launch on Friday.

Early yesterday, *Zarya*'s orbit was adjusted for the third time since the launch. After another maneuver today, its orbit will be shifted from an elliptical one to a more circular one, at about 240 miles above the Earth.

This is the position required for a rendezvous with the American space shuttle *Endeavor*, which is to be launched December 3 carrying the *Unity* connecting module.

EU lifts ban on British beef exports

BRUSSELS (AP) – The European Union yesterday agreed to lift a worldwide export ban on the vast majority of British beef, an official said. The development would be a milestone in the "mad cow" crisis that has pitted Britain against its EU allies.

A majority of the 15 EU farm ministers meeting in Brussels voted to scrap the ban on deboned beef, despite continued opposition from Germany, according to an official.

British farmers were badly hit by the ban on deboned beef, imposed in March 1996 after Britain announced a possible link between mad cow disease in British beef and a fatal brain ailment in humans called Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Losses resulting from the ban have been estimated at more than $3.3 billion.

Wedding goes ahead after rioters wreck church

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) – Rioters crashed the wedding, chased away the guests, and wrecked the church. But Chandra Gunarto and his bride Threewaty got married anyway.

"It's not how we wanted it to happen. But we have gone ahead with it," Chandra, a 27-year-old sales manager, said yesterday.

Sunday's wedding was interrupted when an angry mob of Moslem youths barged through the front doors of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church after running amok in Jakarta's Chinatown.

Thirteen people were killed in the violence and 10 other churches were burned or ransacked.

'New York Times':

CIA hiding corruption reports

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The CIA is being more selective about reports it sends to the White House because Vice President Al Gore's office rejected several alleging corruption by top Russian officials, *The New York Times* reported today.

One CIA report detailing alleged evidence against former Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin was sent back with a barnyard epithet scrawled across its cover, intelligence officers familiar with the incident told the *Times*.

The message, they said, was that Gore did not want to hear anything bad about Chernomyrdin, who as prime minister of Russia in 1995 had regular discussions with Gore about US-Russia relations.

As a result, the CIA has become more selective about distributing its information, agency analysts told the *Times*. For example, they decided not to circulate a report that a German businessman paid $1 million for a meeting with Chernomyrdin, the newspaper said.

Chernomyrdin has been publicly accused of enriching himself through his influence over Gazprom, Russia's natural gas monopoly.

Gore would not comment on the reports, the *Times* said.

Several administration officials dismissed the CIA reports on Chernomyrdin, saying the CIA never presented enough evidence to back up the claims, the *Times* said without identifying them.

UN to discuss Iraqi oil sales

UNITED NATIONS – The Security Council yesterday afternoon was to discuss a proposal to allow the Iraq-UN "oil-for-food" program to continue for another six months, beginning Thursday, with a sales ceiling of $5.256 billion.

The proposal by the four European Union nations on the Security Council is simply a rollover of the same conditions as the current six-month sales phase, which ends at midnight tomorrow. The council is expected to approve the resolution just hours before the deadline.

Still, Iraq has not said whether it will sell oil after tomorrow. Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization over the weekend sent contracts for two-month extensions to the buyers of crude oil in the fourth six-month phase, which runs from May 30 to tomorrow.

Iraq wants to extend the current fourth phase of the sale by two months rather than enter into another six-month tranche.

Police question Starovoitova aide

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) – A badly wounded aide to a murdered lawmaker regained consciousness yesterday and was talking to police, who later arrested several suspects in raids around the city, officials said.

Galina Starovoitova, 52, a leader of the liberal Russia's Democratic Choice party, was shot dead by unidentified assailants on the stairs of her apartment building in St. Petersburg on Friday night.

The killing of such a prominent politician has caused an uproar in Russia and prompted calls from all sides for a crackdown on the country's growing lawlessness. Scores of business leaders and others have been gunned down in recent years in contract killings that are almost never solved.

The lawmaker's aide, Ruslan Linkov, 27, was in a "clear" mind, testifying to investigators, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. Special police armed with assault rifles were standing guard at the door of his hospital room.

Acting on information from him, police carried out raids and rounded up several suspects, officials said. There were no further details.

Linkov was critically wounded in the head during the attack and later rushed to a hospital where he underwent surgery over the weekend.

The Federal Security Service (FSB) said that officials are looking into a "Moscow trail" in Starovoitova's killing. The attackers appeared to know the exact time of her arrival in St. Petersburg from Moscow late on Friday, FSB spokesman Sergei Bogdanov said, according to Interfax.

Liberal leaders charged – without any concrete evidence – that Starovoitova's Communist foes in the Duma were the most likely culprits.

Over the weekend, Interior Minister Sergei Stepashin even had to call a news conference to say there was no evidence that the Communist Speaker of the Duma, Gennady Seleznyov, was involved in the killing.

Ukraine man goes on trial for 52 murders

ZHYTOMYR, Ukraine (AP) – A man accused of the worst murder spree in modern Ukrainian history went on trial yesterday, charged with the deaths of 52 people after a trail of terror across the country.

Anatoliy Onoprienko, a forester and sailor, has confessed to the killings, his attorney said.

"I look at it very simply. As an animal. I watched all this as an animal would stare at a sheep," Onoprienko said of the slaughter in a videotaped 1997 police interview.

Dressed in running shoes, an oversized jacket and a knitted hat, Onoprienko sat calmly inside an iron cage as court proceedings began in Zhytomyr, 140 kilometers west of the capital Kiev.

Onoprienko, 39, spoke of growing up in a children's home after his father left the family and his mother died. During the proceedings, he never looked at Serhiy Rogozin, his alleged accomplice in some of the murders.

The charges against Onoprienko chart a rampage that first drew public attention in December 1995, with the slaying of an entire family in a secluded village home. Other killings were soon to follow.

In western Ukraine, the anxiety became so high that few villagers ventured outside after dark. Huddled in their houses, they listened in fear as police patrolled the deserted streets.

Police launched a nationwide manhunt for the killer, who left few clues and no live witnesses. A warrant issued at the time described a pleasant man of medium height, a good marksman with his 12-gauge hunting rifle, who was "exceptionally cruel toward children."

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The slogans seem hollow

A number of attempts have recently been made by sympathizers with the national student strike currently taking place to evoke romantic notions of the student uprising in Paris in the spring of 1968. The great ideas and slogans tossed around then, such as solidarity, social consciousness, and the image of students and workers joining hands to fashion a new society, are certainly stirring. The problem is that when concrete reality needs to be dealt with again, as it eventually was in France, the slogans often appear hollow and the strike leadership self-serving.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, well aware of the power of the images, has taken to speaking of the formation of an "alliance between the Histadrut and the students as a social pact" between workers and intellectuals. A Sunday meeting between student leaders and the Histadrut brought forth heady talk of "battles against social injustice."

It is, however, becoming increasingly difficult not to suspect that, behind all the words, what is really developing is an alliance between politically savvy university students and a union leader eager to jump on a populist bandwagon. Peretz's decision to conduct a one-day Histadrut strike tomorrow in solidarity with the students – at the height of a difficult economic recession – will serve neither the interests of the workers nor the students, but will gain plenty more media hours for the Histadrut leader with a penchant for calling strikes on the slightest whim.

In truth, there are merits behind the students' claims that more resources need be directed toward improving the higher education system, which has been somewhat neglected in recent years. Education should be granted the highest priority, especially in a country like ours which is the heir to a tradition of thousands of years of scholarship, is banking its economic future on brain-intensive industries, and encourages each individual to reach his or her highest personal potential. This should be one item uniting all of the political factions from right to left, and it is no surprise that the students' strike has generated a good deal of public sympathy.

It is not reasonable to expect students to work almost full-time while studying, or to repay loans on near-commercial terms. The country particularly owes an affordable and serious university education to those who dedicated critical years of their lives to defending it. A system of need-based scholarships and easy-term loans, similar to those in a number of other countries, can be instituted. At the same time, physical improvements in the universities, especially with regard to the construction of dormitories, are needed as well. The overall result of such steps should be the creation, for the first time, of true "campus atmospheres," enabling students to immerse themselves in their studies, earnestly tackle academic issues, and even develop a social consciousness along with the analytical tools needed to deal seriously with social issues.

As a result of the student strike, in fact, the Treasury has come around to agreeing with most of the above points. The student leadership, however, having placed itself high up on the proverbial tree without a ladder, by stating at the outset that it would accept nothing less than a blanket 50 percent reduction in tuition fees, is having it difficult to finding the courage to resolve the strike on those terms. Since such bald monetary demands can seem a bit too self-interested, the strike leaders keeps insisting that their goals go far beyond tuition to a "change in the country's social priorities."

When asked to spell out what that means, however, the students suddenly become extremely vague. Apparently, they fear treading on the powerful political toes of the haredi parties more than anything else. When student leaders state that it is not their business to decide where the Treasury gets the money tuition reductions would cost, because "we don't want others to lose out at our expense" they are exhibiting either gross cynicism or naivete.

The Treasury does not pluck money out of thin air, nor is it sitting on chests of treasure that it cruelly refuses to share. In reality, any money granted to the students will have to come at someone else's expense, either income-earners who will be further burdened by taxes, or painful cuts in other Treasury budget items.

The most obvious "change in priorities" in this context is to shift funds supporting yeshiva students, who do not serve in the military or work, in favor of easing the burdens borne by university students. In a world of limited resources, there are trade-offs dictating that more students of Talmud come at the expense of less students of engineering, history, and social work. The student leaders, however, have apparently cut a deal with the haredi parties for political support, appearing less like romantic revolutionaries than small-time hacks.

The Histadrut is trying to align itself with the students in part because it is dismayed by its own shrinking base of support. Histadrut membership is currently crowded in labor-intensive "old style" industries. It is virtually non-existent in the high-tech firms that are rapidly becoming the real engines of the economy. This state of affairs, however, is due to wide-ranging social and economic developments, and it is unlikely that a Histadrut solidarity strike with students will be translated into unionized information-technology start-ups. The net result of all of these strikes and stirring slogans will, sadly, be a lost semester of studies and more pointless days of lost productivity, in an economy that cannot afford either.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOD'S WILL

Sir, – I read David Weinberg's article "Accept no blame (November 8) and was bothered by his accusation against "some religious circles" of which I consider myself to be a member.

I am referring to the story of the children dying in an Ofakim succa after their parents left them alone with candles burning. Weinberg mocks the remarks of the grieving mother. "'It was God's will' she intoned piously," and condemns her for shifting the blame to God despite her own carelessness.

While it is true that one may not blame God for his own irresponsibility, Weinberg takes her comment out of context, as the details provided in the article are inadequate. Consequently, the attitude of the religious groups that her words are meant to portray is misrepresented. This was not a case of gross negligence, the way the article portrays it. The father had been in the succa and left for a few moments to get a child a blanket. In the interim, another blanket caught fire and sent the entire succa aflame.

Weinberg can rest assured that the mother feels indescribable guilt as a result of the tragedy. But at the same time, she was able to divorce herself from her personal loss and see objectively that her children's deaths were no coincidence.

When the mother said "It was God's will," she was neither foolish nor mistaken. On the contrary, there is much to be learned from her tremendous strength and unswerving faith in the face of such tragedy.

GENENDEL KROHN

Jerusalem.

PALE INTO INSIGNIFICANCE

Sir, – I saw Alec Blumberg of Teaneck's letter, "Lover of Zion," wherein he "delights in the fact that he is a lover of Zion (november 23) but not a Zionist" citing the reasons as being the existence of Tel Baruch, massage parlors, narcotics and foreign workers – all elements of every society in the world.

In the "Weekly Review" the same day we read that the Senate in America is being asked to pass legislation to make it a crime "to block access to medical facilities"

What prompts such a need? The activities of groups of anti-abortionists which culminated in the horrific murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian who was shot to death in the kitchen of his own home.

Rather makes Tel Baruch, massage parlors etc. pale into insignificance wouldn't you say Mr. Blumberg?

You may be a "lover of Zion," Mr. Blumberg, but I can't quite admit to being a lover of America.

DAVID S. ADDLEMAN

Mevasseret Zion.

MY MONEY!

Sir, – Outrageous! Re "Beilin's Baby." (November 16): "The State of Israel (and the Federation) are kicking in the rest of the budget." Oh, that's just wonderfull I, an Israeli, am now responsible for the education of Diaspora Jewry's Zionist education. What audacity.

My taxes are going to educate Diaspora kids. What about Israeli kids' education? Since when are parents not responsible for their own children's education? I absolutely reject and totally resent this.

Israeli tax money should be spent on Israelis. University students would certainly appreciate it, so would our beloved soldiers.

If British Jewry wants to save their kids from assimilation, that's OK by me. But please use your money, not mine. I need to worry about my own kids first!

SARA VATIK

Kfar Sava.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 24, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that a Jewish deputation was received by the High Commissioner and complained bitterly that the shortage of labor precipitated an economic crisis.

They also asked for the regularization of illegal Jewish settlers whose visas had expired, while over 100,000 Arab migrants from Syria, Hauran, Iraq and Transjordan were in the country.

50 years ago: On November 24, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that an unnamed Israel Merchant Navy ship had brought 4,000 new immigrants from Europe, most of them from Bulgaria.

The setting up of a Conciliation Commission to negotiate a final settlement in Palestine on the basis of the Partition Resolution was proposed to the UN Political Committee by Australia.

Alexander Zvielli

Ties that bind

ZALMAN SHOVAL

The initial behavior of the Palestinians, before this weekend's redeployment, has not augured well for the implementation of the Wye Memorandum. Even if some inflammatory statements were made for internal Palestinian consumption, experience has taught us that it is precisely that which Arab leaders say to their home audience that counts, not what they say in Washington.

And now that Wye is under way, we would also have liked to see a warming up of relations between the Arab countries and Israel. This, unfortunately, has not happened – at least not yet – and Egypt, our oldest peace partner, has been prominent in its unhelpful role.

This must concern us, because "final-status talks" are just another name for shaping the structure of the way Jews and Arabs live with each other and next to each other, for generations to come.

GIVEN all this, as we approach final-status talks with the Palestinians, the nature of the Israel-US relationship will become even more important than before.

America and Israel may not always see eye to eye on each and every aspect of the peace process; we never did. We sometimes will have to agree to disagree – though, as Moshe Dayan once said, there is no need to create unnecessary confrontations. Mutual trust is certainly vital for the relationship.

There have, for instance, been some questions as to how the US would react to a unilateral declaration of statehood by the Palestinians. The US is on record as being against the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Knowing how much the very continuation of the peace process and Israel's security depend on American undertakings, I do not doubt for a moment America's adherence to its commitments in this matter – especially if the Palestinians, in total violation of the Oslo Agreement, should try to declare statehood unilaterally.

As for the final-status talks themselves, it still isn't clear how they are to be conducted, though one supposes there will be different channels, some more public, some less. It also isn't clear what role America is to play in these talks.

There hasn't been a single peace process between Israel and any Arab partner in which the US wasn't involved in one way or another – sometimes as a "prequel," to use a term from the movies, and sometimes as a sequel.

But I believe the American involvement was never as intense, as close, as it has been since Oslo. Frankly, I don't think this is a good thing.

First of all, peace must be made by the parties themselves – it's they who have to accommodate each other. And though everyone accepts that the US will always be there, whether it is inside the room or outside the room does make a difference – both psychologically and politically.

And there's also another aspect to consider: A too-close involvement by the US could create problems in the relationship between our two countries – and that's the last thing either of us needs. I believe the US shares this view and agrees that the final-status talks should indeed be bilateral and not trilateral.

THERE has been criticism of the role to be played by the Central Intelligence Agency with regard to monitoring or verifying Palestinian compliance with the Wye accord. Indeed, the CIA's involvement could sometimes turn out to be problematic, for Israel as well as the US, but it was the best solution, probably the only solution under the circumstances.

Israel, however, has to make an effort lest these potential problems in any way harm the very important – the perhaps much more important – cooperation between our intelligence communities in combatting the common threats facing both the US and Israel in this and other parts of the world.

Indeed, with all the importance of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Israel also has other serious concerns – many of them shared by the US – that go far beyond the peace process itself.

There is the looming threat of non-conventional weapons in the hands of Iran, Iraq, Syria, and perhaps Libya; There is the growing threat of terrorism – matters on which America and Israel must be closely coordinated. In this context, one must underscore the importance of the Memorandum of Agreement which the president and the prime minister recently signed – one of the main aims of which is to upgrade strategic cooperation between the two countries and enhance Israel's deterrence capabilities.

As a matter of fact, America and Israel are, even now, the only two states that are already doing something about missile defense – and I hope there will be more.

The writer is Israel's ambassador to the United States. This article is an excerpted version of a speech he gave at last week's General Assembly of the UJA Federations of North America.

Dry Bones
LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
OR ELSE?
OR ELSE ORGANIZE A MODESTY SQUAD
BEAT THEM, TRASH THEIR BELONGINGS, DRIVE THEM FROM THEIR HOMES...
AND SHOW 'EM WHO'S BOSS!
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Let the people decide

EVELYN GORDON

The bill to cancel direct elections of the prime minister is expected to easily garner the 61 votes needed to pass its first reading in the Knesset when it comes to a vote next week. A majority of both Labor and Likud MKs favor repeal, as – more surprisingly – do some of the smaller parties.

Had the bill's fate ever been in doubt, this doubt was effectively put to rest by the results of the municipal elections earlier this month. The thorough drubbing received by both Labor and Likud in these elections, in favor of small parties representing various interest groups – from haredim to immigrants to pensioners – convinced many wavering MKs that the direct elections system must go.

Reasonable people of good will can disagree about whether direct elections have helped or hurt the Israeli political system. It is clear that direct elections have increased the presence of small parties, both in the Knesset and the city councils, because people no longer have to vote for the prime minister's (or mayor's) party to ensure that the candidate of their choice becomes prime minister (or mayor). And there is certainly some validity to the complaint that it is impossible to build an effective government of numerous small parties.

But a look at the motives of the MKs who are advocating repeal presents a much uglier picture. What appears to be driving many of them is not concern for a manageable government, but, purely and simply, concern for their own seats.

Deputy Minister Michael Eitan (Likud) put it most bluntly. Immediately after the results of the municipal elections were announced, he complained that if the direct elections law were not repealed, the Likud would be only the third largest party in the next Knesset – and therefore, the law must go.

Eitan may very well be right. The Likud lost several seats in the last Knesset to Shas, the National Religious Party and Yisrael Ba'aliya; Labor lost seats to Yisrael Ba'aliya and the Arab parties. This trend will probably continue in the next election.

But stating this fact begs the real question, which is, why does the Likud have a god-given right to be one of the two largest parties in the Knesset? If the Likud is failing to serve its voters' needs, and these voters conclude that Shas or Yisrael Ba'aliya is doing a better job, then what right does the Likud have to continue to exist?

LABOR Party leader Ehud Barak is taking the seat-saving principle one step further. He has proposed not only repealing the direct elections law, but adding an amendment to the old system under which the head of the largest party automatically becomes prime minister. This would sound the death knell of the small parties, and deprive the voters of even what little choice they had under the old system.

Under the old system, for instance, someone who wanted Shimon Peres for prime minister might be reluctant to vote for Yisrael Ba'aliya – a swing party which openly announced its willingness to support either candidate for prime minister. But such a voter would have no qualms about voting for Meretz, which could be trusted to back Peres. Similarly, someone who wanted Binyamin Netanyahu for prime minister would have felt safe voting for the NRP, though not necessarily for Shas.

Under Barak's proposal, however, no voter who cared who the next prime minister was would dare to support any party but Labor or Likud. However much he felt that these parties were not representing his interests – and the results of the municipal elections make it amply clear that most voters think exactly that – any vote for a small party would automatically mean a vote less for his preferred prime ministerial candidate.

That most MKs are more concerned about their seats than about the need to have a functioning government is evident from the fact that none mention the obvious alternative solution to the problem. This is the solution originally proposed by the drafters of the direct elections law, who never intended that law to stand on its own: direct elections for MKs as well.

Under direct regional elections, small parties would get many fewer seats, because it would be a winner-take-all system within each region, rather than the current proportional representation. Yet voters' choice, far from being reduced, would actually be increased: For the first time, they would have a representative who is directly accountable to them.

It is becoming increasingly clear that MKs cannot be trusted with the important matter of electoral reform, because their conflict of interest is too great. Not only has a bill for the direct election of MKs been languishing in the Knesset for years, but MKs are now joining forces to repeal the one step toward more voter choice that has been made in the last few years: direct election of the prime minister. The only solution is for the voters to decide the issue for themselves, directly. The repeal of the direct elections bill should be submitted to a referendum.

After the impeachment war

RONALD BROWNSTEIN

For all of their creepy allure, the most revealing thing about the Linda Tripp-Monica Lewinsky tapes was how few ripples they produced when they finally surfaced last week.

Even more than the transcripts released earlier this fall, the tapes seemed like artifacts from an ancient culture, a moldering chronicle of events already dissolving from memory. It was like listening to voices from beyond the grave.

If this month's election left any doubt, the collective shrug that greeted the tapes' release showed how emphatically Americans have closed the book on this scandal. Overnight polls showed that even Kenneth Starr's defiantly unflappable performance before the House Judiciary Committee barely dented the public consensus against impeachment.

Even after Starr took his best shot, the only suspense is over when and how Republicans terminate the impeachment process – and whether and how they censure President Clinton for dishonoring his office.

The real question is: What happens after that? For most of 1998, the conventional wisdom held that even if Clinton survived he could no longer govern. Yet that assumption now seems as obsolete as most media predictions about the scandal.

As Mario Cuomo once observed, Americans may not want Bill Clinton to date their sister, but they clearly want him to run the country. When asked in a recent Pew Research Center poll whom they wanted to take the lead in solving the nation's problems, 49 percent chose Clinton, while only 26 percent picked the Republican leaders in Congress.

IN THE coming session, argues GOP pollster Whit Ayres, Republicans must "demonstrate that the system as currently constructed can work."

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If the two sides want to accomplish more in 1999, the obvious place to start is "with things that got close to the goal line last time," says Bruce Reed, Clinton's top domestic policy adviser. Two of those stand out.

Last July, a coalition of House Democrats and moderate Republicans came within five votes of passing managed care reform that would allow patients to sue their HMOs. After the election gave the Democrats five new House seats – and just as importantly changed the climate on Capitol Hill – Democrats believe they may now have a majority for that bill in the House, and possibly the Senate. The question will be whether the GOP leadership is willing to let the legislation move forward.

That same question looms over proposals to combat teen smoking. After last year's anti-tobacco package sank under its huge increase in cigarette taxes, Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., and House Commerce Committee chairman Thomas J. Bliley, R-Va., drafted a tax-free alternative that would have clarified federal authority to regulate nicotine and imposed significant penalties on tobacco companies if teen smoking didn't decline.

That effort died when House Speaker Newt Gingrich ordered Bliley to snuff it out. But the Waxman-Bliley deal could easily be revived if the new House GOP leadership wants to show it can get things done. "If you were in the Republican leadership and trying to figure a way to chart a more reasonable path," says Reed, "you'd go there immediately."

Two unanswered questions shadow all these possibilities. Neither side can seriously advance new spending or tax-cutting proposals until they decide how much of the budget surplus to devote to Social Security. And they can't do that until they agree on a plan for reforming the system.

But the prospects for such an agreement look to be dimming.

Republicans probably won't accept a deal that does not establish individual accounts that workers could use to invest for their own retirement; but while Clinton hasn't closed the door, Democratic opposition to the idea hardened in this year's campaign.

With private White House economic forecasts projecting huge federal surpluses deep into next century, congressional Democrats may resist any significant restructuring at all. "I don't think you can reach a consensus (on Social Security) with the variance in thinking between the parties," says Gephardt.

That comment hints at the second major question looming over next year: In the end, how much does either side want to accomplish? After effectively tagging Republicans with a "do-nothing" label in this campaign, House Democrats may prefer a mostly stalemated session that allows them to reprise the charge in 2000.

And even if the new GOP leadership wants more achievements, it's unclear whether congressional conservatives – who generally consider confrontation with Clinton the key to revival – will go along. Even after the war over impeachment ends, it won't be easy to convince the two parties to lay down their arms for long.

(Los Angeles Times)

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An 'alternative' tour of Jerusalem

A terrorist-turned-tour guide who offers clients a somewhat different view of the city talks to **Abraham Rabinovich** about his work – and his past

After his release from prison, Jiddah says, 'I swore I would do my best to save Jerusalem – but by other means. No more violence.' (Brian Hendler)

His tour guide's course lasted 17 years – the time he spent in Israeli prisons – and the view of Jerusalem he offers his clients may be unique: that of an ex-terrorist, Marxist-Leninist, Moslem-born atheist.

Ali Jiddah stands inside Jaffa Gate searching the faces of tourists for likely clients. His business card introduces him as an "alternative tour guide" in English, French or Hebrew. The alternative is to the usual 4,000-years-of-history spiel. His focus is on now.

"I show what's happening inside the Old City. I show them [Foreign Minister Ariel] Sharon's house in the middle of the Moslem Quarter. I show them the Jewish settlers in the Moslem Quarter. I show them the huge gap in services between the Jewish and Moslem Quarters.

"I let them talk to Palestinians who are really serious about peace.

"My best clients are American Jews. They're very open-minded. I get Israelis, too."

Ali Jiddah, who once planted a bomb on the Jewish side of the city, is continuing the struggle by other means.

Ali Jiddah is a resident of the "African Quarter" of the Old City, a small enclave just west of the Temple Mount containing 70 families of sub-Saharan descent. His father, from Chad, was among a group of African Moslems who came in 1936 on pilgrimage and remained.

Because Chad was a French colony, the French consulate subsidized Jiddah's tuition to the prestigious College des Freres, a Catholic high school near Jaffa Gate. He was 17 when the Six Day War opened the gate.

"I began to experience life under occupation, being stopped by soldiers and told to stand against a wall with hands up," says Jiddah. "Groups of Israeli civilians began to come into the Old City singing and dancing in a very arrogant way. I felt I was losing my dignity at both levels, personal and national.

"And don't forget, I'm black. To be a Palestinian is a problem, but to also be a '*kushi*' ..." (Among Arabs, it is only "primitive people" who mock his blackness, says Jiddah. "Among Israelis, the Ethiopian Jews are the most miserable group. They are not accepted.")

After the Six Day War, the French stopped paying his tuition, so Jiddah quit school and found a night maintenance job at the old Egged bus station near Zion Square.

He also joined the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), headed by George Habash.

His first operational assignment, he says, came in the summer of 1968.

"Israeli planes attacked the Jordanian city of el-Salt, a civilian target. We got instructions to retaliate by attacking civilians."

In what came to be called in Israel "the night of the bombs," five PFLP members placed explosive charges in western Jerusalem. Jiddah planted his in a garbage bin near Bikur Holim Hospital, its detonator set to explode an hour later. He was in bed at home, pretending to his parents to be sleeping, when the bomb went off, wounding nine people.

Two weeks later, four other members of the cell went to Tel Aviv to plant bombs near the central bus station. One of them was caught and, under interrogation, revealed the names of the entire cell. Jiddah was arrested at home that night by the General Security Service.

"I didn't play games; since all was known to them. I was sentenced to 20 years," he says.

PRISON was where Ali Jiddah's higher education began.

"At first we weren't permitted to have books. Then we staged hunger strikes and books were allowed."

Terrorists were kept apart from other criminals and developed a highly organized routine. Each political faction would hold its own study sessions.

"We discussed ideological, political, and social issues. We studied languages. I studied Hebrew and was asked to give lessons in English and French, which I had learned in high school. I began to raise my political awareness with older comrades, who were more politically aware than me."

The members of the PFLP, which advocates Marxism-Leninism and atheism, clashed initially with members of Fatah and other groups, but this soon resolved itself.

"We agreed to put our differences on the shelf, otherwise we would be totally broken," he recalls.

Members of the PFLP would address each other as "*rafik*" ("comrade"). Fatah members would call each other "*ah*" ("brother"). There would sometimes be discussions in which members of different groups participated.

"Prison is the most horrible experience you can have," says Jiddah. "But what happens there depends on you. You can make it a productive experience or you can be broken."

JIDDAH thought the Israelis would never release him, not even after 20 years.

"I programmed myself on the basis that I would spend the rest of my life in prison," he says.

As it turned out, he was released three years early in the prisoner exchange with Ahmed Jibril's organization in 1985.

"I wish I could relive that day. They released my group in Ramallah. There were TV teams waiting for us. I was talking to French television when two Palestinians I didn't know grabbed me by the shoulders and put me in a car. They also took my cousin, who had been arrested with me.

"The men were from the PFLP. They took us to Jerusalem. All the residents of the African Quarter were waiting outside to greet us. It was a tremendous scene. At 10 that night we were all sitting in a big hall when some friends asked if there was anything I would like to see. I said, 'Please take me to the Mount of Olives.'

"I excused myself to the others and we drove up there. I got out of the car and stood for a long time looking at Jerusalem. I suddenly felt tears running down my face.

"I said to myself 'Ali, you're free now. What are you going to do?' I swore I would do my best to save Jerusalem but by other means. No more violence."

Jiddah worked for several years after his release as a journalist. He has been interviewed several times on Israel Television as a spokesman for the PFLP although, he points out, that is an unofficial designation since the organization is outlawed.

He married an Israeli Arab from Acre with whom he has four children. Their apartment is close to that of his father, who is mukhtar of the African Quarter. Five years ago he gave up journalism and began working as a guide.

He is optimistic, says Jiddah, that a political solution to the ongoing conflict will eventually be found, even for Jerusalem.

"Otherwise there will be a very big mess in this region."

He still believes in socialism.

"If it failed in the Soviet Union it doesn't mean that it can't work," he says.

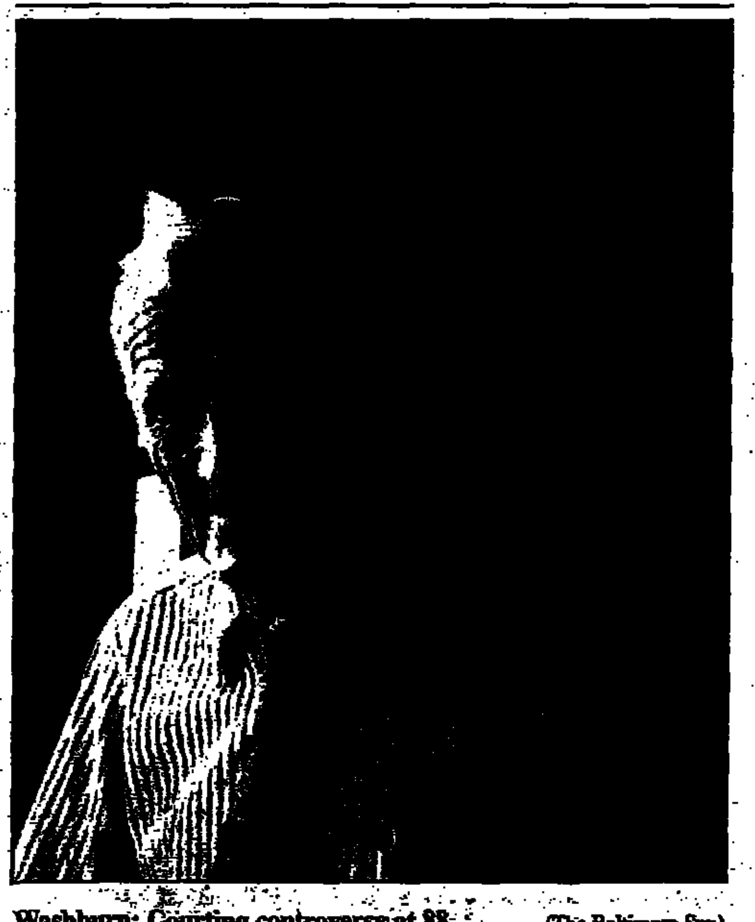
Having spoken to a visitor in a coffee house, Jiddah shows him the African Quarter, where "brothers" are adding a room to someone's apartment.

"We never hire people from the outside; we help each other," he explains.

Jiddah then hurries back to his post near Jaffa Gate to seek out clients. There is a family to be fed and a cause to be served.

In love with vertical surfaces

Ernest F. Imhoff meets a venerable mountain mapper



Washburn: Courting controversy at 88. (The Baltimore Sun)

Bradford Washburn has a favorite phrase: "Skin one skunk at a time." The critters out there know better.

At 88, Washburn still walks, shoots and maps mountains, and directs projects simultaneously as the mountaineer, photographer, cartographer and manager. He's been in a 65-year career that he won't quit.

"I can't see playing shuffleboard in Florida," he says. "I'm on the cutting edge of the twilight of life."

His is a life in love with cold vertical surfaces. He climbed Mount Washington and other New England hills to ward off hay fever as an 11-year-old in 1921. (It worked.) Then came Europe's Matterhorn and Mont Blanc as a teenager, followed by unknown Alaskan peaks after his 1933 graduation from Harvard.

For many years, he influenced climbers by writing articles and taking photographs for *American Alpine Journal*, suggesting new routes he was too busy to try. "I got almost as much of a bang out of that as if I had climbed them myself," he says.

Washburn, who lives in Boston, has a lined, weatherworn face and a trim frame that darts back and forth as his blunt, sometimes profane, talk caroms off different topics. Lately, he's been measuring mountains with the satellite Global Positioning System – and courting controversy.

Washburn says his photographs and GPS measurements, made in July with his wife, Barbara, 84, conclusively establish that explorer Frederick A. Cook never made it to the summit of Mount McKinley in 1906, as claimed. It's hardly a new thought – Washburn has been debunking Cook's claim for 40 years. But this evidence, he says, is definitive.

"So long, Dr. Cook," he crowed in a public announcement last month, adding with glee, "The Cook people will tear us to pieces."

Sure enough. "Washburn's relentless, obsessed by this; he won't let it rest," answers Russell W. Gibbons, of the Frederick A. Cook Society, which continues to insist that Cook was the first or could have been the first on top.

FROM his office at the Museum of Science, which he headed for 41 years before "retiring" in 1980, Washburn also directs a Mount Everest project that placed a GPS device at the summit this year to measure the speed at which India is pushing under the Tibetan plateau and raising Everest.

"Mountains move in centimeters," he says. "Everest is rising and going northeast. Nepal is getting a tiny bit of China daily and no shots are being fired."

WASHBURN has known many adventurers. In 1937, Amelia Earhart and her husband interviewed him as a possible navigator on her flight around the world. Washburn, a pilot, advised them to put a radio on tiny Howland Island, 2,000 miles from Australia, or, he said, she would never hit it. She disagreed, did not offer him the job – and flew off to vanish over the Pacific.

"Her death made me sick. It was so preventable," Washburn says. "She was a delightful girl and was in many ways an excellent pilot [but] pathologically self-confident. Amelia didn't listen to anybody."

Washburn hikes a little and water-skis on Squam Lake in New Hampshire, but no longer does technical mountain climbing – with ropes, pitons, ice ax and crampons. He misses it "terribly" but tries to surround himself "with lots of bright young people."

Washburn made a number of first ascents in Alaska and Canada. In 1951, he and six others pioneered the West Buttress Route on McKinley, now the most popular. His other ascents of McKinley were in 1942 and, with Barbara, in 1947, when she became the first woman to climb the mountain.

She says she had to make the climb. "If I hadn't gone, I'd have been bored stiff listening to him talk about it when he came back home," she says. "You have to share things in marriage."

Married in 1940, Barbara came to enjoy climbing: "I liked the adventure, the companionship of sitting around at night, the marvelous scenery." Washburn's maps delight climbers; they also hang in lowlanders' homes and in museums as art.

Washburn's startlingly detailed pictures, taken over a 50-year span, became definitive maps of the St. Elias Range in Alaska-Canada, Mount Kennedy in the Yukon, the Grand Canyon, Mount Everest and New Hampshire's Mount Washington, as well as McKinley.

FOR all his passion for mountains, Washburn says he would like his obituary to lead with: "He had the idea of a Boston Museum of Science, and he built it."

He has been credited with transforming a hole in the wall known as the New England Museum of Natural History in 1939 when he took it over at age 29 into what supporters say was the first museum in the world to unite natural history, physical, applied and medical science.

He hired his wife as secretary. "She's the best thing that ever happened to me," he says.

When he left the museum, he was ready for old projects deferred, such as mapping Mount Washington and Mount Everest. He had never climbed Everest, but he considered the existing map of the mountain "lousy."

Just as crisscross flights over Everest were to begin in 1984, Barbara became deathly ill in Katmandu, Nepal. She and Bradford flew to Bangkok, Thailand, where doctors diagnosed cancer and said she had days to live.

The Washburns flew home to Boston, while friends such as the late Barry Bishop, a *National Geographic* magazine colleague who reached the summit of Everest, took over Washburn's dream project on Everest.

Boston doctors found that Barbara's illness was not cancer but a rare disease, Wegener's granulamatosis. Her recovery to remission took four years.

Meanwhile, the friends produced 360 faultless vertical stereo photographs of Everest from which, in 1988, Washburn completed the map.

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Wanted: A long, healthy life

Home Front

Allison Kaplan Sommer

As much as I care about my physical condition, I've never been able to stretch my periodic well-intentioned regimens into what one could really call a "healthy lifestyle."

Sure, I've had short flirtations with vegetarian diets, engaged in regular exercise for months, even years, and periodically given up caffeine – but the containers of Haagen-Dazs in the supermarket, the neighborhood espresso bars and the sofa in front of the television always proved far too tempting.

Also, as life grows more complex, one has less time to focus on one's body. What with work and family, it's harder to find the time for a daily workout (unless stroller-pushing and toddler-lifting counts). And after celebrating all-night pajama parties with sleepless offspring, attempts to forgo caffeine can both endanger one's career and make one positively hazardous on the highway.

Still, like anyone else who is interested in hanging around the planet for yet awhile, I do pay some attention to what I am supposed to eat and try, within the confines of my life and willpower, to consume what is best and choose accordingly for my family.

And I always thought bacteria floating around your body was a *bad* thing.... Now bacteria are my friends?

The problem is that the more attention I pay to the subject, the more utterly confused I become. Every study seems to contradict the last.

One year the key to health is bulking up on carbohydrates and eating a lot of bread and pasta. The next year, carbs are out and protein is in: Just stick to the fish and vegetables. (My husband, about as far from a health nut as one can get, is convinced that it is just a matter of time before a study endorses steak and chocolate cake.)

But I haven't totally given up on self-improvement. I was recently inspired to investigate the matter once again when a health-food store opened up in my neighborhood. It was the same health-food supermarket that existed in my old neighborhood.

I would occasionally wander in, only to emerge – head spinning – for coffee and a muffin at the Dunkin' Donuts next door.

When I checked the place out again last week, I was daunted not only by the vast variety of herbs, nuts and powders, but also by the price of the organic produce.

I suspect that most of the population is a great deal like me – lacking the time, energy or inclination to hang out in health-food stores or learn 20 different ways to cook tofu – but still constantly on the lookout for the magic bullet that will instantly turn us and our loved ones into marvelously healthy, long-living creatures.

Those who market and advertise the mainstream products clearly recognize this and prey on our ignorance.

The latest and most blatant example of this is currently on our dairy shelves.

Dairy products were once marketed in the most pastoral of ways, with buxom peasant girls and happy cows singing the praises of their creamy white output. But now dairy has gone high-tech.

Instead of telling us how delicious their products are, our friendly dairy companies have been acting like they are selling pharmaceuticals – promising us that the regular consumption of the right kind of yogurt will send legions of magic bacteria shooting around our digestive system, killing off everything unhealthy.

The products are sold in stark little white containers purposely designed to look more like medicine bottles than food containers.

It's a pretty hard concept to get used to. After all, this praise of bacteria goes against everything we were ever taught as we were growing up.

I always thought that bacteria floating around in your body was a *bad* thing.

I was taught to scrub my hands several times a day with anti-bacterial soap so the bad bacteria and germs didn't get into my system. And my college friends who returned from forays to the Far-East years ago still curse the exotic evil bacteria that plague their innards.

After all this I am supposed to understand that bacteria are my friends? And I am supposed to gulp down yogurt from those little containers (no fruit flavoring – that would make them too tasty) *because* of the good bacteria that float around inside them?

The marketing campaigns for some of the products are pretty funny – very futuristic with weird-looking hooded ladies in white doing somersaults in the air, looking like something that just landed from outer space.

I still haven't figured out if the actors are representing the bacteria themselves, or the superhumans who benefit from ingesting the healthy white stuff.

I suppose the futuristic, spaceship look of the advertisements is supposed to imply that if we eat enough yogurt we'll all make it well into the new millennium.

My question is this: If all of our food is healthy but nothing tastes very good, do we really want to live that long?

Whitefish salads, chopped liver, blintzes and other foods beckon a mixed and hungry crowd at the kosher food fair. (AP)

Kosher means trendy

It turns out everybody's after kosher food – and not just matzo balls and gefilte fish. **Amy Westfeldt** reports from New Jersey's Kosherfest

Chef Ann Cooper bent over a pan, showing a crowd how to make seared venison with wilted greens and roasted new potatoes.

Around the corner, hungry visitors waited impatiently for a pizza to come out of the oven. A man grabbed a few cookies from another booth, while a handful of people grazed on foie gras.

Welcome to Kosherfest '98, the United States' largest-ever gathering of restaurateurs, hoteliers and food makers getting together to show that kosher food goes way beyond the traditional Jewish foods of blintzes and matzo balls.

"Everybody wants it," said Jack Slomowicz, manager of a kosher supermarket, delicatessen and cafe opening in Cleveland, Ohio, in December.

The 10,000 visitors at this 11th annual food fair at the Meadowlands Exposition Center broke a record. New York restaurants serve kosher Cajun, Chinese and Mexican. Kosher concession stands popped up this year at Shea Stadium and at the US Open tennis tournament.

Foods that are certified as kosher post $45 billion in US sales a year – only $4 billion of the sales to Jews observing dietary restrictions, Kosherfest organizers said.

Big businesses are trying to cash in on kosher popularity, seeking certification for thousands of products to satisfy those who must keep kosher for religious reasons and consumers who just think that kosher sounds good.

Most Nabisco products, like Chips Ahoy! cookies and Planters peanuts, have been kosher for years. Oreo cookies were just certified as kosher last year. M-and-M candies are kosher. So are Barricini's chocolates, Arizona Iced Tea, Herr's potato chips and Budweiser beer.

"There's a huge sales opportunity with the Jewish market," said David Picataggio, an M-and-M-Mars sales rep.

Most people just think that kosher is hip and healthy, experts say.

"They think of it as just being better," said Menachem Lubinsky, president of a company that specializes in marketing kosher foods and the Kosherfest organizer. "They perceive that it's healthier."

Although kosher doesn't always mean healthy, manufacturers say the seal that shows a kosher certification on products makes it easier for people following special diets to eat.

'Shrimp' that's allowed for Orthodox Jews: Kosher foods post sales of $45b. a year in the US. (AP)

Lactose-intolerant people can eat kosher pizza with dairy-free, tofu-based cheese, or tofu cheesecake from a kosher bakery. Diabetics can use sugar-free honey substitutes.

"Would you like to try some of our delicious organic bread? No fat, no sugar, no oil, no salt," Helen Davis called out to customers, hawking her oatmeal, sourdough and raisin breads.

Davis, the owner of Windmill Farms, said most of her sales come from health food stores, "which has nothing to do with kosher."

And Robert Scheckman, marketing director at Manischewitz and Co., said the leading kosher food producer is reaching out to customers who just want a quick dinner.

At this fair, Manischewitz displayed single-serving cups of matzo ball soup and instant dishes of risotto, rice and beans and chili. Sales are up 50 percent over the past four years, he said.

Exotic tastes were also satisfied at one of several sushi bars.

Bernard Benlevi stood by as a chef sliced a tuna-and-avocado sushi roll. All fish was available except for eel, crab and shrimp, although he offered shrimp-shaped, red-and-white striped pieces of processed whitefish.

The variations are "showing kosher food in a light that is, if not trendy, at least contemporary," said Cooper, a Vermont chef and consultant at the Culinary Institute of America.

"It's not like kosher is just gefilte fish." (AP)

My libido doesn't match his

Dear Ruthie

Ruthie Blum

Dear Ruthie,

I am a woman in my early fifties, married to the love of my life, who is considerably older than I. As luck would have it, he is still very interested in sex and – with the help of Viagra – even more so than before. I, on the other hand, have found myself declining very rapidly in this area.

We were always very romantic, compatible and liberated where sex was concerned. Making love was always a joy. Now, while still loving my husband dearly, I am at a loss as to how to handle this problem.

I have tried hormones, but found that I put on a terrific amount of weight, which is not only not good for me, but not pleasing to my husband. Furthermore, the effect of the hormones, in my case, was meager.

This is a real crisis. My husband is patient and understanding, but also puzzled and frustrated.

I don't know how to get past this. Fake it? Watch pornography? I even got to the point of suggesting he take a lover! I'm not sure if I was serious, and the idea was rejected by my husband, who wants only me.

I should thank my lucky stars, I know, but I need some insights because I am at my wits' end.

At a (Sexual) Loss)
Somewhere in Israel

Dear At a Loss,

The reason you should "thank your lucky stars" is not only because your husband is devoted, faithful and attracted to you, but because *you* still consider him the love of your life. This indicates that the loss of your sexual appetite is more of a physiological than a psychological problem. If so, your first move should be to consult a doctor. That you tried hormones which didn't sit well does not mean there are no other alternatives. But for these, you have to do a little research and shopping around (and I don't mean for pornography). Perhaps you could find a gynecologist or other internist who combines conventional medicine with alternative remedies.

What you might consider, too, is that you are now in a vicious cycle in which your anxiety about your lowered libido in the face of your husband's active one is beginning to form a major part of your problem. There is nothing like anxiety to make sex seem like a totally foreign *concept*, let alone an activity in which you might wish to engage.

It is the cycle of anxiety and abstention that you need to break. For this you might consider undergoing some kind of short-term therapy (which need not be "sex therapy," by the way.) You might examine why you suggested your husband take a lover, while you're at it. Maybe you were testing him. Or yourself.

You also might consider the possibility that your husband – who is several years your senior – is so keen not to slide in this area that he is placing more emphasis on sex than is his natural (physical) inclination. The fact that someone whose libido is still going strong should be getting extra help from Viagra makes me wonder about what he is "up" to emotionally. This is particularly puzzling, if he is meeting with resistance from you, which is causing him frustration. He might want to undergo a little therapy himself. Or at least a bit of introspection.

In the meantime, either both of you chuck the pharmaceuticals, or both partake of them.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, Jerusalem 91000. For e-mail: Ruthie@jpost.co.il ('Dear Ruthie' also appears in **In Jerusalem** ***and in*** **City Lights** ***on Fridays.)***

GRAPEVINE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Israeli MTV broadcaster **Eden Harel** has been selected to emcee this week's Miss World Beauty Contest. The bright sabra beauty may very well put some of the contestants to shame.

COMEDIAN **Tuvia Tsafir**, who each year gives his services free of charge to The Jerusalem Fund for Alyn, went one better at the fund's 13th annual dinner dance. Tsafir, who during this jubilee year has been including the founding fathers and mothers in his repertoire, mingled at the cocktail reception in his Golda guise, offering the guests gefilte-fish balls. He was somewhat put out by the absence of horseradish (or *hrain* as he called it), but guests followed him around like the Pied Piper.

Guest of honor at the dinner, held at the Jerusalem Hyatt, was 12-year-old **Arik Malul**, who, after being hit by a truck, spent nine-and-a-half weeks in a coma. His mother, **Jackie**, told a moving story about Arik's slow road to recovery, stressing the tremendous role Alyn had played in giving him the therapy he needed to operate his computer and get back on his feet.

Among those who heard Arik's story were **Jay** and **Ruby Karzen, Stanley** and **Helen Goldfoot, Pesach** and **Shulamit Schindler, Larry** and **Marilyn Frisch, Alex** and **Naomi Ragen** and **Sandy** and **Shirley Brown.**

UNLIKE Prime Minister **Binyamin Netanyahu**, Knesset Speaker **Dan Tichon** does not have General Security Service personnel standing on stage with him when he has to make a speech. But that doesn't mean Tichon mounts the podium alone. He's accompanied by his uniformed Knesset officer, **Miri Yachin**, who takes her place alongside the Speaker and occasionally sandwiches him in between her and his wife, **Ludmilla.**

ACCORDING to Napoleon, an army marches on its stomach. So apparently, does a GA convention. One night last week, there were so many receptions for GA participants that one young woman was heard to say at the Hebrew Union College reception that she would be skipping dinner and going on a reception crawl.

In fact many people attending the HUC affair, which was one of over a dozen food orgies, were so intent on feeding their faces that Rabbi **Richard Hirsch**, executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, could not get the crowd to gather around him for a few words of welcome, although he was using a microphone. Hirsch eventually got enough attention to put across his message that, without a liberal movement, Israel would be incomplete.

Some of those present at the HUC reception included HUC president Rabbi **Sheldon Zimmerman, Bernard Levin** of the UJA Federation, New York, **Doris Fogel** of the Fort Wayne Federation, **Barry Shirage** of Boston, Rabbi **Daniel Allen** of New Jersey, **Rene Luks** of Switzerland, **Mark Taylor** of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and **Betty Allenberg Goldstein** of the Birmingham Jewish Federation.

THERE have been some interesting proposals as to how to heal the rifts between different sectors of Israeli society, but none so novel as the idea proposed by government economic adviser **Dr. Yossi Vardi**, who was one of the panelists at a GA session. Vardi suggested that all the different Israeli factions break up into smaller states, so that "we can have greater representation at the UN." That's a new take on "divide and rule."

PRESENT at last week's reunion at the Hebrew University's Rothberg International School for alumni of the one-year program were several North Americans who might not have come had they not been in Israel for the GA. One who didn't have quite so far to come couldn't, and a sent a letter of regret. His name is **Daniel Kurtzer**, and he happens to be the US ambassador to Egypt.

PHILIPPINE Ambassador **Rosalinda de Perio-Santos** did not expect to arrive at her first state dinner as new dean of the diplomatic corps in a tow truck.

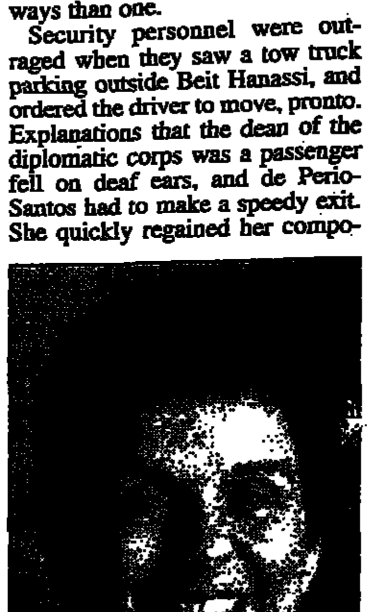
She was on her way to Jerusalem from her home in Herzliya Pituah when she noticed smoke coming from the engine of her car. Her driver was unable to correct the fault, and the meticulously punctual de Perio-Santos began worrying that she would be late to Beit Hanassi, where President **Ezer Weizman** was hosting a dinner for his German counterpart, **Roman Herzog**. Fortunately, a tow truck driver in front of her offered to tow her car to Jerusalem – and offered her a seat in his cabin.

Her evening dress being slit on both sides, De Perio-Santos was able to climb in without too much trouble, even though she was wearing stiletto heels. But getting out proved a different story, and the new dean of the diplomatic corps had to jump for it in more ways than one.

Pushkarna: Thanks – but no thanks. (Israel Sun)

Security personnel were outraged when they saw a tow truck parking outside Beit Hanassi, and ordered the driver to move, pronto. Explanations that the dean of the diplomatic corps was a passenger fell on deaf ears, and de Perio-Santos had to make a speedy exit. She quickly regained her composure, however.

Getting home was no problem: The Austrian ambassador, a neighbor, gave her a ride.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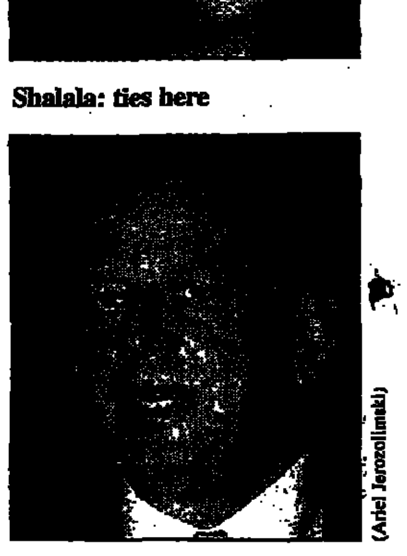
(Ariel Jerozolimski)

Tichon: 'sandwiched'

IF she were interested in politics, exotic restaurateur **Rena Pushkarna** could easily run for the next Knesset. Israel's Indian community, which believes that it is entitled to Knesset representation, has founded a new political movement called Hodaya, which it wants her to head.

While agreeing with Hodaya's goals of non-violence, tolerance, the advancement of women, the correction of injustice and discrimination, the promotion of education, fraternity and the achievement of peace, Pushkarna has no aspirations to personal political power – but said she was flattered to be asked.

FRIENDS from many phases of his life will swap anecdotes about **Abie Nathan**'s quest for peace in the Middle East at a special tribute to the man whose Voice of Peace broadcast for so many years "from somewhere in the Mediterranean." The event will take place on Sunday evening at Tel Aviv's Tzavta.

PRECEDING US President Bill Clinton to this part of the world will be US Secretary of Health and Human Services **Donna E. Shalala**, whose visit here is not so much connected to the implementation of the Wye Memorandum as to a university awards ceremony. Shalala is to receive an honorary doctorate from Haifa University on December 4. Her visit here – not her first – will be welcomed by local feminists, many of whom remember her participation in a 1981 international conference on The World of Women, which, coincidentally, was held at Haifa U.

A firm proponent of women's rights, Shalala is considered one of the most powerful women in the US. She is being cited for her attainments in matters of equality and social welfare, and the advancement of the status of women, minorities and children.

Shalala has emotional ties to the Middle East. She was born into a Lebanese Christian family, and, during a two-year stint in the Peace Corps in the early 1960s, served in Iran. When last in Israel in 1994, in her present capacity, Shalala met with Israelis and Palestinians, whom she encouraged to initiate joint projects to raise the standards of medical care.

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An overdose of female rage

In Tune

By David Brinn

SUPPOSED FORMER INFATUATION JUNKIE
Alanis Morissette
(Hed Artzi)

THE BEST OF 1980-1990
U2
(Helicon)

GREATEST HITS
Joe Cocker
(NMC)

REAL AS I WANNA BE
Cliff Richard
(NMC)

NON-STOP HITS
Various Artists
(Hed Artzi)

Nothing is guaranteed in life, except that the Boston Red Sox won't win another World Series in this century and that Alanis Morissette will not sell 12 million copies of her new disc *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*.

That was the number sold of Morissette's 1995 debut *Jagged Little Pill*, which burst out of nowhere, striking a jagged, not-so-little hole into the preconceived notions of how female pop stars should sound in the 1990s. The massive success of *Pill* frightened Morissette into three years of silence, in which she contemplated fleeing the music business. But here she is, back with more anger and angst from the female side of relationships.

The point of every Morissette song can be boiled down into "I have as much rage as you do," a line from "Sympathetic Character," one of *Junkie*'s typically stark, brittle songs that sound like you're eavesdropping on an argument within a failed relationship or a psychoanalysis session between patient and psychiatrist. In fact, "The Couch" just may be the first pop song about a session at the shrink (except maybe for Janis Ian, whose entire body of work sounds like it was written on "the couch").

While it provided a vicarious thrill on *Pill*, Morissette's naked openness veers uncomfortably close to overexposure on *Junkie*. And since she has tended to ignore the more melodic aspects of her music in favor of creating moody settings and dissonant atmosphere, the lyrics loom even more center stage.

Fans who bought *Pill* for "Ironic" or any of its other intoxicating tracks will be disappointed at having to work harder to enjoy the generous 17 tracks on *Junkie*. Those in shock can escape to the pure pop chorus of "So Pure."

While far from a failure, *Junkie* sounds like Morissette is searching for a way to lift the heavy shadow of *Jagged Little Pill* from her vision. But it keeps getting in the way.

ONE band that has no problem in reinventing itself is U2, which at the dawn of the 1990s packed away its flag-waving idealism and bought some wrap-around sunglasses.

The Best of 1980-1990 chronicles Bono and company's transition from four Irish lads emulating their punk heroes into the greatest rock 'n' roll band in the land.

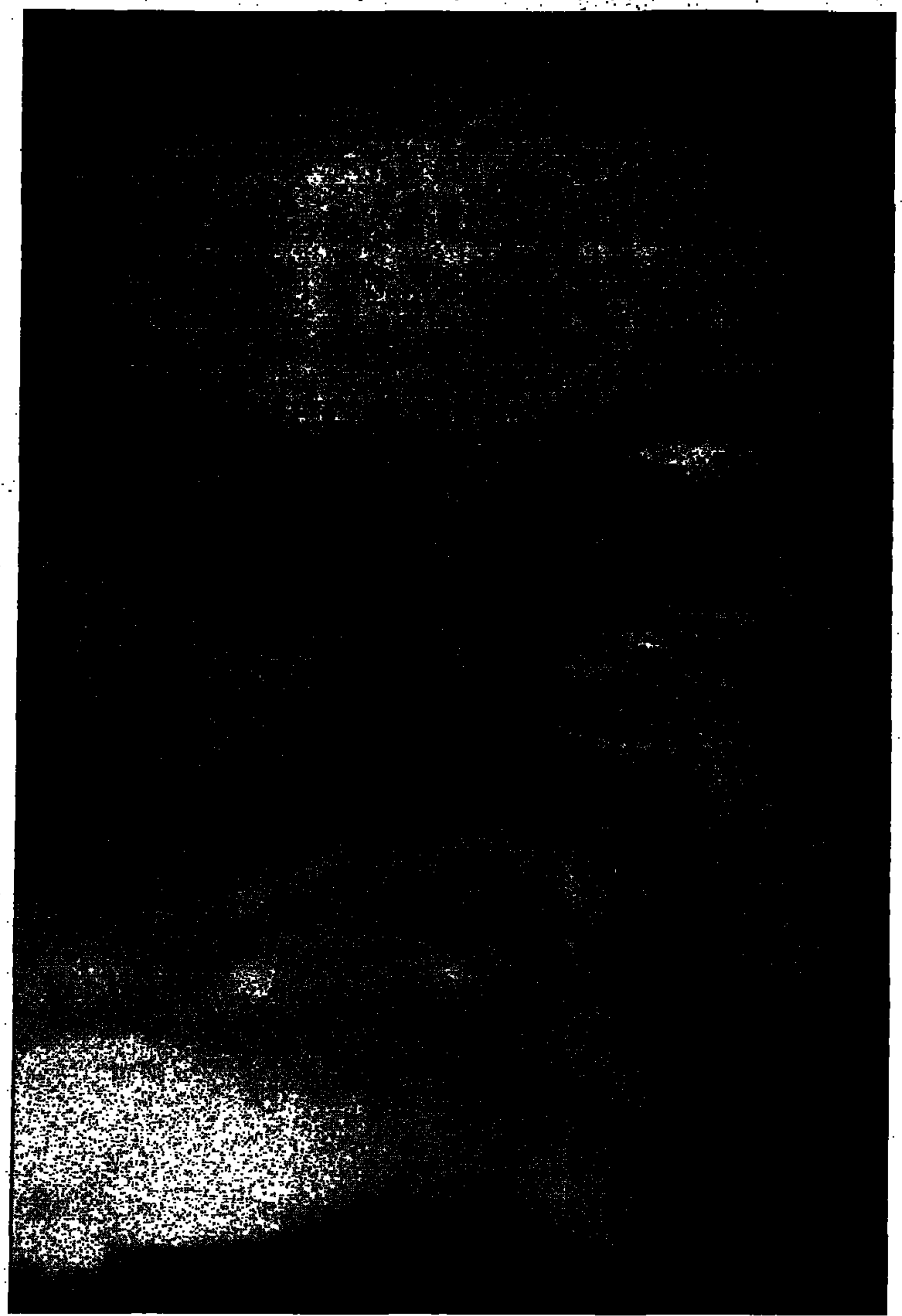
Tapping both the energy of punk and the structure of classic rock, as well as possessing the singular charisma of Bono and guitar talents of The Edge, U2 coalesced into a band for the ages. From early, rebellious material like "Sunday, Blood Sunday" and "I Will Follow" to later more expansive anthems like "With or Without You" and "Pride (In the Name of Love)," the band's brains and hearts were always in sync.

However, the album could have been presented so much more grandly. First of all, there are a relative skimpy 14 tracks; four of those are culled from *Rattle & Hum*, not considered to be the band's 1980s high point. A new song is included – "Sweetest Thing" – which would be vaguely annoying if it were not such a fun piece of soul-pop. So that leaves nine tracks to cover five albums in which the band was growing by leaps and bounds.

Finally, aside from the wonderful photographs of the band as scruffy teens with a punk wardrobe, there's no historical insight either in the way of an essay or even a listing of the band's albums. Surely U2 deserves packaging that approaches the majestic level of its music. Maybe Volume 2, due next year, will rectify the situation.

ANOTHER questionable packaging issue pops up on Joe Cocker's *Greatest Hits*, in which half of the 18 songs are culled from Cocker's last three discs. Can anyone name a single song on one of Cocker's last three discs?

Basically, Joe Cocker was a wonderfully soulful singer who more or less ravaged his voice in the early 1970s to the tag team of alcohol and cigarettes. Since then he's become an Andy Williams or Perry Como for baby boomers, offering tepid, middle-of-the-road renditions of oldies ("Summer in the City") or songs by noteworthy but underexposed writers ("Have a Little Faith in Me" – John Hiatt; "You Can Leave Your Hat On" – Randy Newman).



The lyrics to Alanis Morissette's stark, brittle songs evoke a session on the psychoanalyst's couch.

Greatest Hits has its moments, mostly from 30 years ago, with "Delta Lady" and "With a Little Help From My Friends" still stirring up a storm. The rest is full of decent musical arrangements. Cocker's ghost of a voice and lots of pop gloss. Unlike many of his colleagues, Cocker's a 1960s survivor but it sounds like he gave up his soul in return.

ANOTHER 1960s survivor is Cliff Richard, the British popster who has been around since The Beatles wore ducktails and sidies. For some reason, Richard never translated to the other side of the Atlantic, and has remained a British superstar over the years while a virtual unknown in the US.

Real As I Wanna Be, which celebrates Richard's 40th year in the music business, is typically lightweight, attractive pop that will sound just great in your nearest elevator.

NON-STOP HITS, Hed Artzi's latest compilation aimed at the teen market, presents a reasonable mix of rock, rap and pop on the 17 tracks.

It includes Cleopatra's hip-hop version of The Jackson Five's "I Want You Back," and tracks from Garbage, The Mavericks, Babybird, Billie Meyers, and a host of one-hit wonders and filler.

Not recommended if you thought that list of names represented the one-hit wonders.

Man vs. beast in a ritual of death

DANCE ROUNDUP

TORERO, FLAMENCO SELECTIONS
Antonio Canales Company
TAPAC
November 17

Dancer and choreographer Antonio Canales strives to display the intensity and spirit of flamenco dance and music through his work. Supported by a group of eight musicians and singers playing the exceptional "Livio Gianola" by Jose Jimenez, and an excellent ensemble of dancers, his company starts from a good vantage point.

Canales's *Torero* brings into focus the shifting moods, pressures, apprehensions and the final release that occurs on that day when man and beast meet in the ring for a ritual of death. The work has numerous intense dramatic moments, and some choreographic gems, like the duet of two women – perhaps the mother and the worried wife of the hero – sitting at home while he is away, challenging his fate.

One dancer, dressed in black, sits on a chair, and holds a black fan, the other stands behind her, dressed in white and holding a white fan. Both go through the same movements concurrently, as if the urge to move came independently to each of them.

Canales danced the role of Torero (the bullfighter), and performed several prolonged solos throughout the work. He seemed self-conscious, slouched and made a great effort to hide the extra pounds around his midsection, but his feet are strong and able.

For the latter part of the performance, *Flamenco Selections*, Canales composed more traditional flamenco, closer to the style danced in the taverns of the southern regions of Spain.

Far from the commercialized "tourist" stuff, Canales kept the authentic spirit and added a sophisticated touch. The result was a pure delight. The dancers got their chance to show some serious virtuoso work, paled only by the sparks that flew from the heels of Juan De Juan.

CURTAIN UP
International Exposure
Suzanne Dellal Center, November 13

THIS annual event is meant to allow fringe dance works to be performed under professional conditions, and exposed to the dance audience here and selected guests from abroad.

Regrettably, though, this particular program includes no revelations.

The string that ties together the three performed works, which otherwise have nothing visible in common, is the centrality of the original music to each choreography and the involvement of the composers in them.

In *Dualogue*, Yossi Yungman (a former Batsheva dancer) is a captive of his limited range of dance vocabulary, which causes him to resort to the same few positions and movements regardless of the situation he is in. What a waste.

At his side is an incredible performer, the musician Boris Sihon, who saves the day with his imaginative use of various ethnic musical instruments. The dialogue is therefore lacking, since the powers of the two do not match.

This was apparent more in the collaborative effort of *Reflex*, where both the music and idea came from Keren Rosenbaum and dance choreography is attributed to flamenco dancer Neta Sheizaf. Both artists have a well-deserved reputation in their field; indeed, they are excellent.

Sheizaf, with her powerful range of expressions, had a chance to resort less to her conventional flamenco vocabulary and search for her inner voice. She succeeded at times, yet without abandoning her dance heritage, and those inspired moments may expand her territory yet.

Masa Isha gained from the collaboration with composer Menahem Wiesenberg, who provided a sound frame that was perfectly suited to the slow, pensive and ritualistic journey of four women in search of their identities.

Plus ça change

By Ury Eppstein

Concert Review

YOUTH AT THE CENTER
Jerusalem Music Center
November 13

Six young musicians presented their compositional endeavors in the Youth at the Center series. Unfortunately, the expected fresh imaginativeness was depressingly meager. "The more it changes the more it remains the same" seemed to be the motto of the events.

Only Juri Brener (24) displayed originality and a well-developed sense of artistic form and development. Brener gave shape to emotionally genuine introversion and agitation in the intellectually controlled piano pieces "Reverie" (1998), and "Light" (1995).

The other composers were fairly talented but not particularly innovative in their attempts at capturing the elusive muse.

A predominantly theatrical manipulation of secondhand ingredients by time-honored techniques – such as congregational heterophony, cantorial solo, vocal unison and gospel-inspired outcries – was displayed in 19-year-old Nori Ya'akobi's "Avinu Malkenu." The synagogal motif was too gimmick-like to be convincing.

Twenty-five-year-old Kobi Arad's "Daydream" for piano (Shlomi Shem-Tov) sounded like a recycled combination of impressionism and jazz, reminiscent of Debussy and Gershwin's piano pieces of the '20s.

Likewise anchored in half-digested impressionism and jazz, but both more elaborate and more confused, was Hadas Goldschmidt-Halfon's Piano Sonata (Tali Margolis).

Shakespearean comics steal the show at Khan Theater

Theater Review

By Naomi Doudai

MEASURE FOR MEASURE
By William Shakespeare
Khan Theater,
Jerusalem

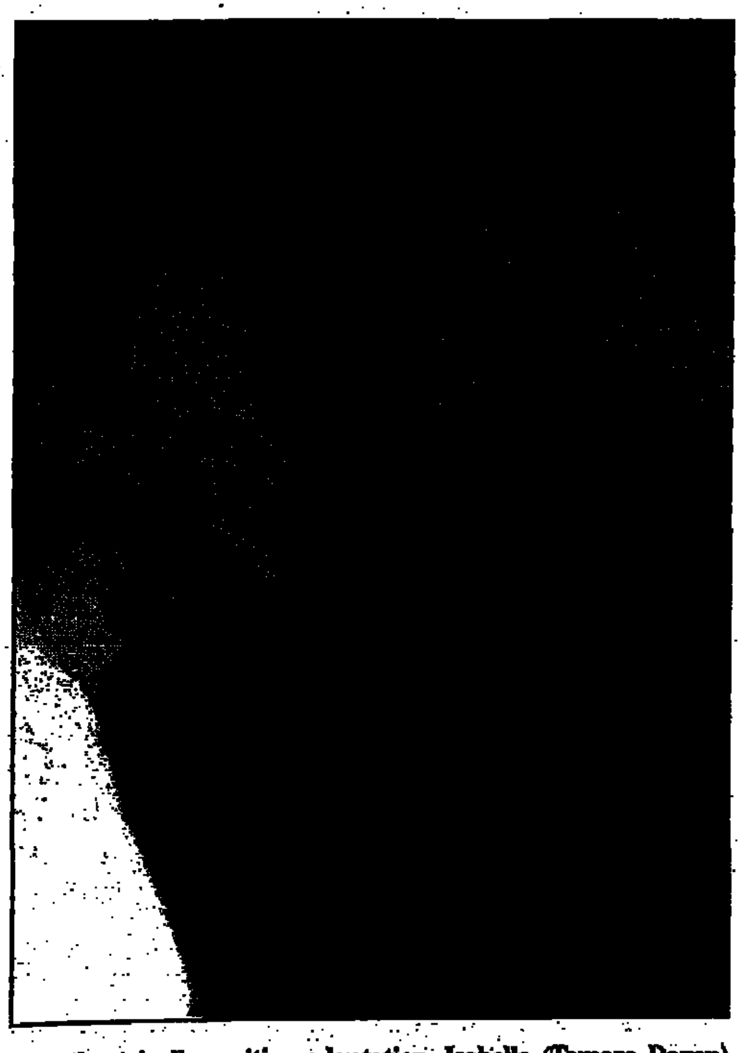
The Khan scores yet another outstanding achievement with its first Shakespearean production in years. Gadi Roll injects one of Shakespeare's more problematic plays with a wealth of visual fantasy and imagination, overcoming the play's weaknesses in an effective display of brilliant stagecraft.

Roll's reading may not fit the notion of conventional. His is a defiant interpretation, subtle and suggestive. It weaves a magic web of sight (Ronni Toren's set), sound (Eldad Lidor), lighting (Felice Ross) costume (Einat Cosh), and choreography to cover the flaws of structure and text.

Definitely a director's piece, Roll's *Measure for Measure* towers over most of the travesties passing for Shakespeare that, hammed in Hebrew and masked in modern dress, endlessly erupt on our stages. Roll's flair for the fantastic adds to this drama a dimension that is as deeply poetic as it is theatrically exciting.

The acting, however, hardly measured up. With two powerful actors like Yigal Sadeh (Angelo) and Yoram Hattab (the Duke) in the lead, more was to be expected of the deeper moments of the drama. Instead, these moments were damaged by the exasperating presentation of a viraginous rather than virgin Isabella, played in a tinny voice by Tamara Dayan. A more fortunate choice for the part might have been Lilian Barreto, who played the minor role of Mariana, Angelo's betrothed, with all the quiet expressiveness and constraint appropriate to the former.

In fact, it is the comic figures that steal the show in this production. Motti Katz delights throughout with a marvelously mischievous and manipulative Lucio. Katya Zimbrice, stunning as Mistress Overdone, the bawd, clowns convulsively with Aryeh Tcherner as her flashy pimp, Pompey. But it is a vignette by Bassam Zu'mot in the minute part of Barnardine, the "dissolute" drunk, that for comedy playing perhaps crowns them all.



In a theatrically exciting adaptation, Isabella (Tamara Dayan) gives Angelo (Yigal Sadeh) a piece of her mind.

Phish plans a millennium party to remember

By ROGER CATLIN

Virtual cities emerged during their annual weekend festivals the past three summers at decommissioned air force bases in Maine and New York state.

They've put on huge, conceptual New Year's Eve shows in big arenas – lately Madison Square Garden.

But just as everything was beginning to feel like an annual event for Phish, it all changes next year.

These two annual events will mesh into a huge New Year's Eve outdoor show when calendars turn to 2000 (an event that also will free the band for their first East Coast summer tour in years).

"We haven't received all our permits yet, but we're 99 percent there," Phish guitarist Trey Anastasio says over the phone from Cleveland. "We've been working on it for two years."

And it won't be in Maine, where this year's Lemonwheel, and the Great Went in 1997, each drew 65,000 fans each day for a weekend of performances near the Canadian border.

"It's in a absolutely beautiful, warm place," Anastasio says of the 1999 New Year's show.

"We figure the set will start at 11:30 p.m. and we'll play ..."

Right through the year 2000?

"Right," says Anastasio with a laugh. "We'll play 'Theme from 2001' for the whole year."

It's not entirely impossible for the Vermont band that has accomplished so much – and so much that's strange – in 15 years, to become the most successful cult improvisation band to emerge in the final decade of the 20th century.

Phish plays the "2001" theme fairly often in concert, along with other weird covers. On the current tour, they're also doing songs from their acclaimed new set, *The Story of the Ghost*, which features songs carved out of studio improvisations.

Fresh from the European tour that produced "Slip Stitch and Pass" last year, the band – which also includes drummer Jon Fishman, bassist Mike Gordon and keyboardist Page McConnell – went to the Bearsville Studios near Woodstock, N.Y., "just to do some jamming to tape as an experiment," Anastasio says.

"It was about a year ago, long before we had the intent of starting a new album. We were thinking that maybe we'd put out an album of just instrumental music. But slowly we became attached to bits and pieces of the music," he said.

At the same time, Anastasio and lyricist Tom Marshall retreated to a Vermont barn studio for four weekends and ended up with dozens of songs – five of which made the album.

For the bits of jamming that sounded like songs, the members would improvise on poetry that Marshall had written and tape it to see how it sounded. Most of those tapes were the finished vocals on the album.

"What we didn't realize, is that all that tape would be used," Anastasio says. "So at the moment of the very conception of the song is what's captured on the album."

Phish went back to learn the songs and re-record them, but none of those tracks had the spark and spontaneity of their work tapes.

"As soon as we heard the takes, we realized we were doing a disservice to the songs by doing them over," he says. "The genuine moment has already been captured."

After admittedly struggling though six previous studio albums – none of which compared in popularity to their live shows – Anastasio says "I really learned a lot about recording" from the process.

(The Hartford Courant)

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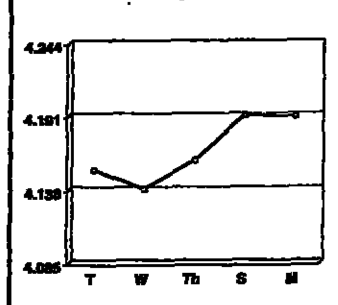
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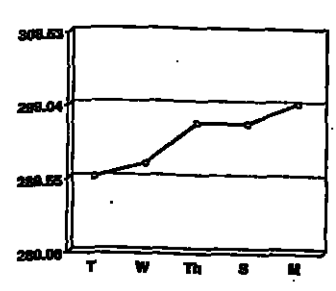
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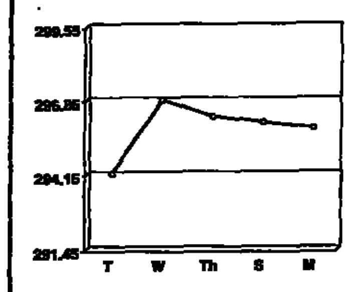
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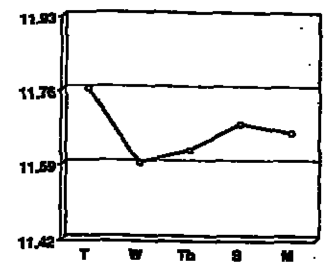
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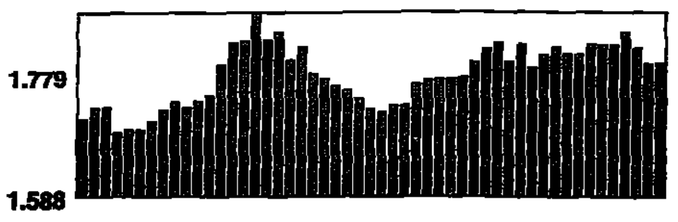

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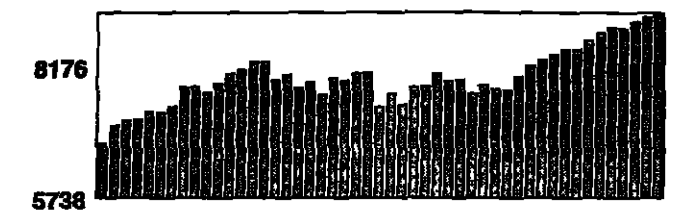

November 1997 – November 1998

Leviev to buy 5% more of Africa Israel

Bank Leumi yesterday announced its plans to exercise the put-option it had been granted by Lev Leviev when he bought the company's controlling share.

Consequently, Leviev is effectively purchasing an additional 5 percent of Africa Israel Investments for some NIS 75 million, based on a company value of $400m.; which is some 50% higher than its current market value.

Following the sale Bank Leumi will continue to hold 20% of the real estate company. The remaining stake can be sold by the bank before the end of 1999, based on a company value of $340m.

In the past there has been speculation that the bank would prefer to continue and hold its stake in Africa Israel, but the latest move may indicate that the bank has decided to sell all of its holdings.

The option was given in 1996 to Bank Leumi as part of a deal in which Leviev has acquired some 55% of the company for $189m.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Medicard raises $5.5m.

Medicard, a developer of medical devices for vascular surgery, has raised $5.5 million from several venture capital funds. The main investor was the Gemini Capital Management Fund which invested $2.5m. in the Yokne'am based company. Other investors include Clal Venture Capital Fund, Evergreen, Mofet Israel Technology Fund, Rafael Development Corp., and Walden Israel Ventures. All these funds have already invested in the past in the company which was established by former employees of Rafael. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Discount's 9-month net sinks 52%

Israel Discount Bank's net income for the first nine months of the year fell 52.4 percent to NIS 95.6 million from NIS 200.6m. a year ago, the bank reported yesterday.

The report came only one week after the First International Bank of Israel reported that net profit for the first nine months dropped 23% to NIS 138m., indicating that the other large banks are also expected to show falling profitability.

The bank attributed the decline to the impact of the consumer price index's calculation method, saying that if this impact was neutralized net income would have declined by only 11.6% to NIS 150.9m.

Net income for the third quarter fell 27.9% to NIS 43.1m. from NIS 59.8m. a year earlier.

Discount's annualized net return on equity fell in the January-September period to only 2.7%, compared with 6% for the corresponding period in 1997 and 4.6% for the entire year.

The nation's third largest bank, which the government plans to sell early next year, added that provision for doubtful debts during the first nine months of the year rose 19.1% to NIS 406m.

COMPANY RESULTS

The bank said the increase was affected mainly by a rise in provisions to the construction and hotel sectors. Discount is believed to have the highest exposure to the real estate sector, which is considered to be very problematic.

Credit to the public as of September 30 rose 8.1% to NIS 5.12b., while deposits from the public rose 7.6% to NIS 80b.

Slowdown hits Blue Square results

Blue Square Israel, the country's largest retail chain, said yesterday that third quarter net income fell 19.8% to NIS 25.2m. from NIS 30.2m. a year earlier, despite a 6.5% rise in revenues to NIS 1.47 billion from NIS 1.38b. a year earlier.

The company attributed the decline to the economic slowdown, adding that the results were also affected by the fact that because of the holidays there were three less shopping days this quarter compared to the same period last year.

Net income for the first nine months of the year rose slightly to NIS 83.5m. from NIS 83.3m., while revenues rose 10.7% to NIS 4.19b. from NIS 3.78b.

The company said that despite the slowing economy it intends to further expand its activities.

Central bank leaves rates unchanged

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Bank of Israel yesterday said it is leaving its key lending rate unchanged at 13.5 percent.

The central bank's decision, which was in line with market expectations, followed two controversial rate hikes, each by two percentage points, within the space of two weeks.

The second of those hikes came November 12, two weeks ahead of the bank's ordinarily schedule monthly announcement concerning its monetary policy, which would have been yesterday.

The bank's sharp tightening of its rein on money supply followed the shekel's sudden loss of some 20% of its dollar value in October.

That depreciation came in the wake of the turmoil which at the time gripped global markets, following Russia's unexpected announcement of a debt moratorium.

The dollar's appreciation in turn led to a rise in local prices, which resulted in the consumer price index rising last month 3%, its highest monthly increase this decade.

Officials in the central bank yesterday said that the decision to leave the rates unchanged reflected initial satisfaction with the rate hike's impact on financial markets.

Passage to India

Footwear manufacturers from India representing 11 companies from the subcontinent, led by Rafikouee Ahmad (second from left) met yesterday in Tel Aviv with local producers who explored overseas production possibilities. India's footwear and leather industry exports $1.6 billion annually, as opposed to their Israeli counterparts' $42 million. (Israel Sun)

America Online negotiating to buy Netscape

By TED BRIDIS

WASHINGTON (AP) – America Online Inc. confirmed Monday it is negotiating to buy Netscape Communications Corp. in a deal that would bring together the world's largest computer Internet provider and the pioneer company whose software first popularized the Web.

But the deal, which was negotiated all weekend, isn't complete. A person close to the negotiations told The Associated Press it was unlikely the deal, estimated at dlrs 4 billion, would be finalized Monday.

AOL cautioned in a statement that "there can be no assurance that an agreement will be reached or a transaction consummated." Under one scenario, according to the source, AOL would run Netscape's "Netcenter" Web site, which receives roughly 20 million visitors monthly, and distribute Netscape's popular browser, the software that lets people view information on the Internet.

Sun Microsystems Inc., the third company involved in the negotiations, would benefit in two ways: It would take control of Netscape's business-level "server" software, and it would enjoy widespread distribution among AOL's 14 million subscribers of its Java technology for running Internet programs.

AOL said its talks with Sun involved "a possible development and marketing agreement for e-commerce and new Internet devices, which would involve Netscape products." The three companies have been negotiating for at least two weeks. If the deal is completed, it would create an alliance that dramatically would change the landscape of the nation's technology industry.

It also could spell trouble several ways for Microsoft Corp., the industry giant whose Internet software competes directly with Netscape's.

Microsoft – with its own, far less successful online service and its own business-level software – also competes against AOL and Sun Microsystems, which makes powerful workstation computers used by graphic artists and engineers.

AOL, for example, now distributes Internet software by Microsoft to its subscribers. But a shift in allegiance to Netscape could dramatically restore Netscape's share of the browser market to its highest levels since Microsoft launched raids so aggressive that the federal government is suing it for alleged antitrust violations.

An AOL-Netscape deal had been seriously considered before, in part to meet competition from Microsoft.

In late 1995, when Netscape's browser was the industry's leader, AOL Chairman Steve Case negotiated with Netscape to distribute the company's browser to millions of AOL subscribers.

Netscape wanted the deal with AOL "to use our unique strengths to kick the (expletive) out of the Beast from Redmond that wants to see us both dead," Netscape cofounder Marc Andreessen said in an e-mail message. Microsoft is based in Redmond, Washington.

Deutsche Bank to buy Bankers Trust for $8.86b

Largest-ever foreign takeover of US financial company

By DAN DUNAIEF

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) – Deutsche Bank AG is in advanced negotiations to buy Bankers Trust Corp. for about $8.86 billion, creating the world's biggest financial services company with about $850b. of assets.

Frankfurt-based Deutsche would pay $93 a share in cash for Bankers Trust, a 20 percent premium to the bank's Friday closing price of 77 1/4.

The purchase, the largest foreign takeover of a US financial company, needs approval from both companies' boards, which have scheduled meetings on Sunday.

The purchase of Bankers Trust, the eighth-largest US bank, will give Deutsche Bank control of a company with $176b. in assets, an investment bank, one of the biggest money managers and a top custodian of stocks and bonds. Even so, it still does not vault the group into the world's Top 10 of mergers advisers.

"Deutsche Bank has phenomenal exposure in Europe, so if you marry it with Bankers Trust's name recognition [in the US], you probably will end up with a better all-around bank," said Michael Stead, chief investment officer at the SIFE Trust Fund, who oversees more than $1b. in bank stocks.

Deutsche Bank's board met Saturday. Bankers Trust directors spent Sunday considering the sale at the offices of law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Deutsche Bank Chief Executive Rolf Breuer was among those who made presentations to Bankers Trust officials, said a person who attended the meeting.

Bankers Trust has been more vulnerable to a takeover since reporting a $488m. third-quarter loss.

Deutsche Bank, with assets of DM 1.156 trillion, has failed to build a US investment banking business on its own that ranks among the top 10 firms in global mergers advisory and the sale of new stock and bonds, rivaling firms like Merrill Lynch & Co. and Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Financial-services companies have been buying each other as regulations ease so they can compete with securities firms, insurers and banks.

"It's a necessary move for Deutsche in its efforts to build a decent US franchise," said Leon de Jerez, head of European equities at Standard Life Investments Ltd.

"Bankers Trust's commercial banking franchise in the US would have to be attractive for somebody like Deutsche," he said. "Where it misses out for Deutsche is the lack of corporate advisory activity which has been one of the key drivers of banks' profitability over the past few years."

Deutsche Bank needs to compete in the US, the world's largest capital market, as rivals vie for more business in Germany and the rest of Europe. When Deutsche Telekom AG went public in 1996, Deutsche Bank underwrote the stock offering with Goldman Sachs.

German automaker Daimler-Benz AG relied on both Deutsche and Goldman to advise on its takeover of Chrysler Corp.

Bankers Trust oversees $2.3t. in assets as one of the world's four largest securities custodians. It also ranked as the world's 14th-biggest money manager last year, with assets of about $318b.

Bankers Trust purchased Alex. Brown Inc., a Baltimore-based securities firm, for $2.7b. last year, and in 1996, it bought Wolfensohn & Co., an investment bank that specializes in mergers advice.

It recently added the European equities business from Natwest Markets.

Even so, buying Bankers Trust wouldn't make Deutsche Bank one of the top 10 US investment banks, according to rankings by Securities Data Co.

Bankers Trust "would not necessarily be an end to the building process" for Deutsche Bank, wrote Michael Mayo, an analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston Inc., in a recent report.

Deutsche Bank would also face the challenge of a cross- border acquisition after other financial firms struggled with mergers.

Credit Suisse Group AG had mixed success after its 1990 takeover of investment bank First Boston Inc.

Citigroup, the company formed by the merger of Travelers Group Inc. and Citicorp, last month dismissed its president and heir-apparent James Dimon.

David Coulter, president of BankAmerica, resigned after the bank said profits were hurt by losses from a large loan to DE Shaw, a New York securities firm and hedge fund.

Both Bankers Trust and Deutsche Bank face losses in emerging markets such as Russia, Southeast Asia and Latin America, which have been savaged by a slump in capital markets and crumbling economies.

They're also facing potential losses from business with hedge funds, such as Long-Term Capital Management LP.

Deutsche Bank in the 1990s has tried to develop a US investment banking business. It spent more than $1b. to buy Morgan Grenfell Plc of the UK in 1989 and recruit some of the world's top investment bankers in the US and in London.

Those plans came apart as costs spun out of control, particularly in the US In January,

Breuer ended a three-year spending spree, halting the bank's attempts to build an in-house investment- banking business.

The bank merged investment and commercial banking, brought key decision-making back to Frankfurt and dropped the Morgan Grenfell name.

It lost more than 200 professionals, including US chief Carter McClelland and a team of high-technology bankers led by Frank Quattrone, a departure the bank admitted left a "gaping hole" in its investment banking business.

"The franchise has to be replaced," Michael Philipp, the bank's head of worldwide equities, told US employees on a conference call in July. "If we don't do anything, we're sitting here dead in the water."

A merger likely would diminish the role of Bankers Trust Chairman Frank Newman. He's expected to become co-chairman of the company's US business, sharing responsibilities with Deutsche Bank board member Josef Ackermann.

Newman, a former deputy Treasury secretary who joined Bankers Trust in 1995 after serving as deputy Treasury secretary and became chairman the next year, was brought in to clean up the bank after a scandal involving the sale of derivatives, securities whose values depend on movements of stocks, bonds or other investments.

Newman was a 20-year banking veteran before joining the Treasury department, serving as vice chairman and chief financial officer at BankAmerica Corp. from 1986 to 1993, and filling a range of posts at Wells Fargo & Co. from 1973 to 1986.

Bankers Trust ran into trouble when Newman's predecessor, Charles Sanford, turned the bank into one of the biggest sellers and traders of derivatives.

In 1995, it paid fines to the US Securities and Exchange Commission to settle charges it misrepresented derivatives trading risks to clients. The bank also settled lawsuits with clients including Procter & Gamble Co. and Gibson Greetings Inc.

The 95-year-old bank never recovered from the scandal, and its profits have diminished from the $995m. earned in 1993 when Sanford was in charge. Its stock, down 4% from its April 22 high, is the same price as in August 1996.

"When you see them coming back and making mistakes you ask what is management doing," said Charles Vincent, the co-director of equity research at PNC Bank Corp. "I thought Newman would solve the problems, and now I'm thinking maybe they shouldn't have gotten rid of Sanford."

Bankers Trust shares rose 41% on takeover speculation from a low of 45 on October 8.

The purchase would likely be approved by the US Federal Reserve and New York banking regulators, with the caveat the German bank 'doesn't expand into non-banking businesses prohibited by US law, analysts said.

US law prevents commercial banks from deriving more than 25% of their revenue from investment-banking activities.

"They will not be breaking any new ground whatsoever," said Mark Olson, a partner with Ernst & Young in Washington, DC.

The banks said they were meeting with regulators in New York and Washington this week.

Other foreign banks that bought US institutions and made the takeovers successful include Amsterdam-based based ABN Amro Holding NV, bought European American Bank; and Canada's Bank of Montreal acquired Chicago-based Harris Bancorp Inc.

Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter & Co. is advising Bankers Trust, and Goldman Sachs & Co. is advising Deutsche Bank.

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Interpol bracing for euro fraud

LYON, France (Reuters) – Fraudsters may seek to exchange forged national banknotes for euro notes when the European single currency is launched in 2002, a representative of the European Central Bank said yesterday.

Jean-Michel Dinand told a meeting of central banks and police officials that the ECB was worried by criminals passing off forged banknotes of existing currencies, rather than trying to forge euro notes.

He told the meeting, at the headquarters of Interpol in the French city of Lyon, that the ECB had taken steps to prevent euro banknotes being forged.

The ECB has said it will establish an analysis center to investigate counterfeit euros after the cash goes into circulation in 2002.

A database will be established with information on both notes and coins, which will be made available to national central banks of European Union countries and to various law enforcers fighting counterfeiting.

By January 1, 2002, the date on which euro banknotes will be launched, 13 billion notes will have been printed. National currencies will be be legal tender alongside the euros until the end of June 2002.

Currency counterfeiting was the top item on the agenda of the Lyon meeting, which brought European central bankers and police together for the first time to discuss issues related to the launch of the euro.

Police chiefs have said in the past that they are worried the new European currency may prove a boon for money launderers.

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Whither Israeli high-tech?

A suddenly bearish global marketplace is posing serious challenges to start-up companies, whose struggle to lure wary investors is now ever-more Herculean

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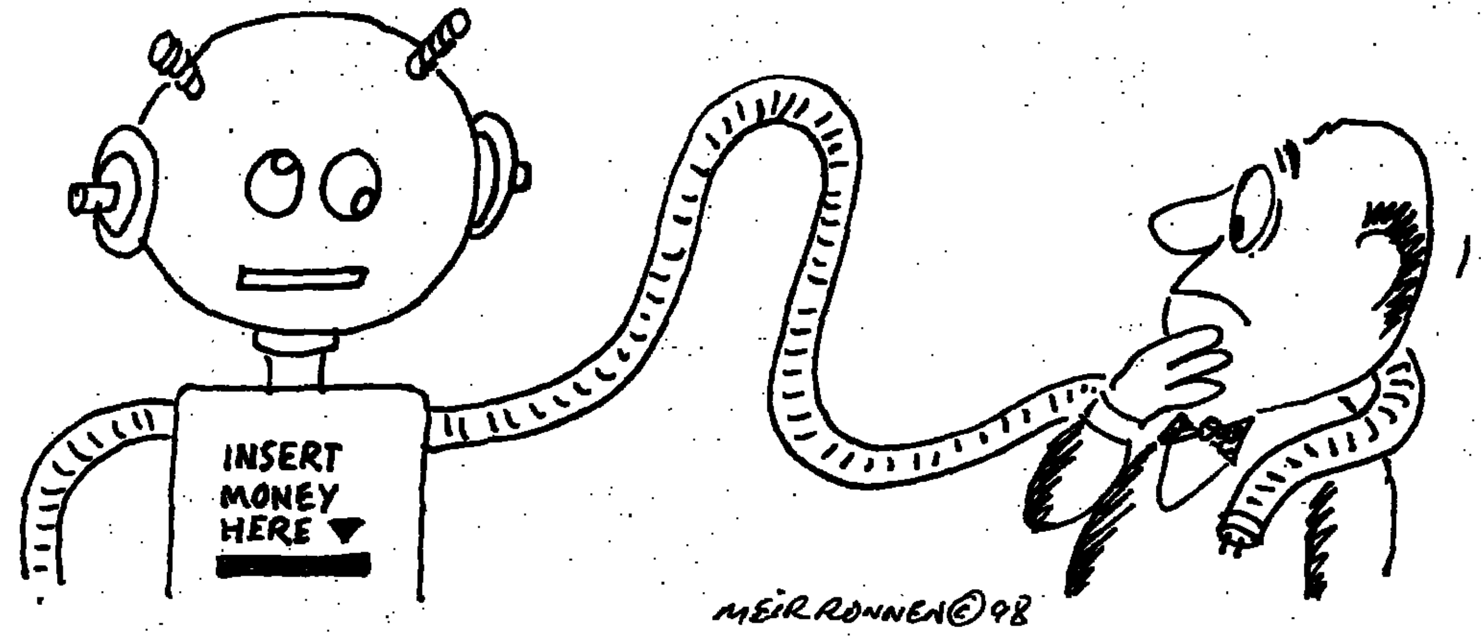

The high-tech industry, which has long established its image as Israel's economic locomotive, is now seen by many as the natural catalyst for an elegant leap from the current recession to a period of renewed growth.

However, as the advanced technology field undergoes a series of changes arising from global economic developments, their long-term effect on local high-tech remains a matter of debate.

Last week two contradicting reports on the future of the technology industry were published in the local press.

The first report was the quarterly *Money Tree Survey*, published by accounting firm Price Waterhouse, Coopers, Kesselman & Kesselman. According to the survey, venture-capital investment in the local high-tech sector rose in the third quarter to an all-time high of $159 million, indicating that despite worsening global financial conditions, Israeli companies are still managing to raise the capital needed to finance their activities.

Yet this rose assessment was disputed the following day when the Start-Up Promotion Center of the Manufacturers Association and the Export Institute published a paper claiming that since September investments in start-up companies have all but ground to a standstill.

Yoram Belizovsky, managing director of the Manufacturers Association, warned that investment in high-tech companies might drop 35-40 percent in 1998 to $800m. He added that some 100 companies, representing about 10% of start-up firms active in Israel, will collapse.

At first glance the reports starkly contradict one another, suggesting that at least one is unreliable. While this might be true, it is more likely that the different conclusions reflect each report's choice of a different focus.

The findings of the *Money Tree Survey* show that investment by venture-capital funds rose 7% when compared to the same quarter a year ago, and by 32% from the second quarter of the year. It should be noted, however, that the findings may not fully reflect developments in the third quarter, as a large part of investments were already decided and approved in the second quarter, before the emergence of the global financial storm. Experts predict that the survey for the fourth quarter of 1998 will indicate a sharp decrease in investments.

In addition, a close look at the findings shows that despite the fact that seed investments – financing of an initial concept before a business has reached the start-up phase – rose 90% from the previous quarter to $6.6m, it is still substantially lower than the $27m. invested a year ago. Furthermore, total seed investment for the first three quarters of the year was just $18m. compared with $51m. invested throughout 1997.

This plunge is what worries high-tech entrepreneurs more than anything else.

Industry sources have been warning for a long time that young companies are expected to be the first to suffer from the global economic slowdown.

This view is also shared by the the government's high-tech czar. Orna Berry, who in her capacity as chief scientist at the Ministry of Industry and Trade monitors and supports start-ups, said that raising seed money will become more difficult in the near future amid rising economic uncertainty abroad and sharp fluctuations in the currency market at home.

The *Money Tree Survey* supports the belief that companies which haven't yet started selling their products are facing greater difficulties.

The paper, based on data supplied by 41 local venture-capital funds and three US-based investment institutions, shows that more companies needed a third round of financing from venture-capital funds. This is further emphasized by data showing that the total sum raised in the third round of financing rose in the third quarter to $46m. compared with $39m. in the whole of 1997.

This figure is the most interesting finding of the survey. It points to a new trend, in which mature companies absorb the majority of resources leaving less money for younger companies.

Investors on Wall Street, who have in the past generously provided capital for ambitious Israeli companies, are now less willing to invest in high-tech, realizing that the high return promised by technology companies can also be associated with high-risk.

The flight to quality is the main reason why no Israeli company raised money in New York since the summer. This is further underscored by the fact that despite Wall Street's recent recovery, there aren't any local companies scheduled to go public soon.

Set against this backdrop, companies need to look for alternative ways to finance their activities. One of the easiest ways of doing this is to convince funds that have already invested in the company in the past to participate in another round of financing.

INDEED the advanced technology industry is facing some serious changes. According to Berry, funds are becoming more choosy, focusing mainly on companies with a clear technological advantage.

In addition, Israeli high-tech companies will have to try to participate in the globalization process by offering products that are complementary to products of large multinational companies.

Following these guidelines will allow local companies to cooperate with large foreign institutions.

Despite the gloomy outlook presented by the Manufacturers Association, Berry does not believe that the impact of the recent global financial crisis will necessarily have a negative impact on the local start-up sector.

The chief scientist's impression is that there is no decline in venture-capital funds' activities. She added, however, that more time is now needed to complete investments. "If you have a good idea, now you need deeper pockets," Berry said, implying that as conditions worsen, funds will be more careful in choosing their investments.

Berry is also not worried by current events, since the majority of local venture-capital funds have already raised enough money to finance their activities in coming years.

Another positive outcome of the recent crisis is that as competition increases, the whole industry is evolving. The more focused companies with superior technology are expected to emerge stronger.

Some experts note that the financial turmoil is also creating new opportunities. Investors who are looking to reduce their stock market activity may prefer to invest in start-up companies based on the assumption that by the time these companies are ready to go public, market conditions will improve dramatically, providing them with an easy and rewarding exit.

It is clear that the high-tech industry has reached a critical point. Whether the current crisis will improve the position of Israeli high-tech remains to be seen.

The infant sector needs to prove that it is mature enough to make fewer promises and deliver more results.

The Conference Circuit

By Greer Fay Cashman

25.11 Microsoft will conduct two seminars and demonstrations aimed at informing business people of Windows 98's full potential at Grafos '98, the computer, office-equipment and communications fair. Scores of companies will attend the event, introducing the latest innovations in all three categories. The two Microsoft events, to be held at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds, will begin at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

25.11 Bar-Ilan University and the Hebrew University have joined forces to organize a two-day international, interdisciplinary conference entitled **In and Out of Brooklyn: Jews and Others 1898-1998**. The first day of the conference will be held at BIU's Beck Auditorium and the second at HU's Beit Meirsdorf.

25.11 Korean Minister of Commerce and Industry and Energy Park Tae-Young, and more than 30 key Korean businessmen, will attend the **Korean Economy and Investment Oportunities** breakfast seminar at Tel Aviv's Dan Hotel

26.11 Visitors to Marketing '98 at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv, can attend a 5:30 p.m. conference which will prove that contrary to conventional wisdom, one can mix business with pleasure. The conference, organized by Visa Alpha, will focus on business development, maximizing human potential and combining business and family interests.

30.11 "Solutions, initiatives and business partnerships in the information age" will be presented at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv, by Oracle, in conjunction with the John Bryce Training Center, Hewlett Packard, IBM, Compaq and Sun. The presentation is within the framework of Oracle Week, which will include a series of conventions, one of which will be addressed by Science Minister Silvan Shalom.

30.11 A seminar on the **Involvement of Binational Chambers of Commerce in Promoting Trade with Israel** will be hosted by the Israel Export Institute at Taxedo Hall in Tel Aviv's Textile House. The seminar will include reviews of promotional work done by the Israel Export Institute itself, the Foreign Trade Division of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Manufacturers Association and the Foreign Ministry.

1.12 The Annual Conference of the **International Cargo Handling Coordination Association** (Israel) will be held at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv. The conference is open to executive staff of import/export companies, shipping companies, international couriers, customs officials, bankers, insurance agents who deal with import/export, and representatives of government ministries.

6.12 Globes Initiatives, in conjunction with the Hebrew University's Business Management School, is hosting a day-long conference at the Jerusalem Hilton on the **Basic Principles of Venture Capital Management by Banks**. The target audience includes directors and general managers of banks and other financial institutions.

16.12 A two-day conference on **Consumption, Saving and Regional Integration** will be held at the Venezuela Hall in the Naftali Building on the Tel Aviv University campus. The conference will be conducted in cooperation with the Research Department of the Bank of Israel, the Armand Hammer Fund for Economic Cooperation in the Middle East, and the Pinhas Sapir Center for Development.

13.1 The problems of Bug 2000 have already been highly publicized, and several computer companies are racing against the clock to try to prevent or at least brace for the anticipated chaos. One such company is Novell, which in conjunction with People and Computers, is presenting a [illegible] the Challenge [illegible] Problem? Consequences and Solutions Related to Bug 2000. The venue is the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Hoechst, Rhone near merger

Germany's Hoechst AG and France's Rhone Poulenc SA are close to agreeing on a merger, German newspaper *Handelsblatt* reported this week.

The newspaper, citing "sources close to the negotiations," said that the two companies are currently working on the "fine tuning" of the deal. A source is quoted as saying the deal will be "a merger of equals" and formally announced in December.

Rumors that the two pharmaceutical companies would merge to form the world's second-biggest drugs company have swept stock markets for weeks.

Hoechst, Germany's biggest drugmaker, has remained silent on the rumors. Hoechst Chief Executive Juergen Dormannn repeatedly declined to comment at a news conference in Frankfurt last week when asked about the merger rumors.

"Hoechst and Rhone-Poulenc want to merge to form one of the leading pharmaceutical and agrochemical groups in the world," Handelsblatt reported.

"Sources close to the negotiations said that at the moment, they are working on the fine-tuning of the deal. It is supposed to be announced to the public as a 'merger of equals' at the start of December."

The newspaper added the new group's total stock market capitalization would be about 80 billion marks, and it would be the second major cross-border German merger this year, after the DaimlerChrysler merger.

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Confessions of a serial entrepreneur

Backed by former Apple Computer CEO John Sculley, a 28-year-old entrepreneur believes he'll find riches by giving his hot, new graphics technology to anyone with a Web page

The Start-Up

By Nicky Blackburn

If there's one word that keeps recurring when Eyal Gever speaks, it's intuition. It pops up effortlessly in virtually every sentence, and with good reason, *considering he's just made a big decision* largely based on the gut feeling that he was right – even though experienced analysts told him he was wrong.

Right or wrong, his four-year-old company, Zapa Digital Arts, a leading provider of streaming rich media technology for on-line communication and e-business, is going through a huge transition.

Once sold to small businesses and advertising agencies, Gever recently decided to give away his software for free in an attempt to attract the masses, the Ordinary Joes of the Internet world who have home pages and want to make them look more visually exciting. Beyong that, Gever's goal is simply to earn millions of dollars.

There's something very appealing about this start-up. Funded with $6 million in venture capital, it's got a raw and energetic feel. Based in a dingy part of Tel Aviv, the first thing that greets you as you walk through the door is an inflatable life-size Spiderman hanging from the ceiling. There are 35 staff members, and several dogs owned by them wander through the rooms wagging their tails.

"I want this to be a creative environment," explains Gever. Downstairs in the human-resources office, Gever's wife and four-month-old daughter can also be found.

Gever – 28, ambitious and dedicated – has got an extremely promising technology. On top of this, he has some pretty heavyweight backing: John Sculley, former CEO of Apple Computers and Pepsico, is an active investor, and in August Microsoft integrated the company's Ch@racterz technology for transferring 3-D information on the Internet into Windows 98.

The core of Zapa's technology is a system that enables integration of existing graphic elements to produce dynamic 3-D effects. The software on the user's computer contains a library of different graphical components.

When the user connects to any Internet site operating Zapa's files, his computer puts these elements together to form a moving 3-D picture. It may sound complicated, but the end result is attractive and fun, giving the Internet a human face. Downloading rich media content is quick, and the software is so simple even computer illiterates can use it.

GEVER founded Zapa, a play on the word *zapping* – switching channels on the TV – in 1994, when he was 24. Initially he produced multimedia titles from his living room, bootstrapping to pay the way. In 1995, he began developing multimedia technologies for the Internet.

He was studying art at the time at the Hebrew University, but dropped out as he became increasingly involved in the business. "The tempo was too slow," he says. "I didn't even collect my first degree. I felt every hour in the classroom was wasting my time and energy."

His art background is a key to Zapa's rich visual format. "My vision was to create a fusion between art and technology because the Internet is the next broadcasting infrastructure."

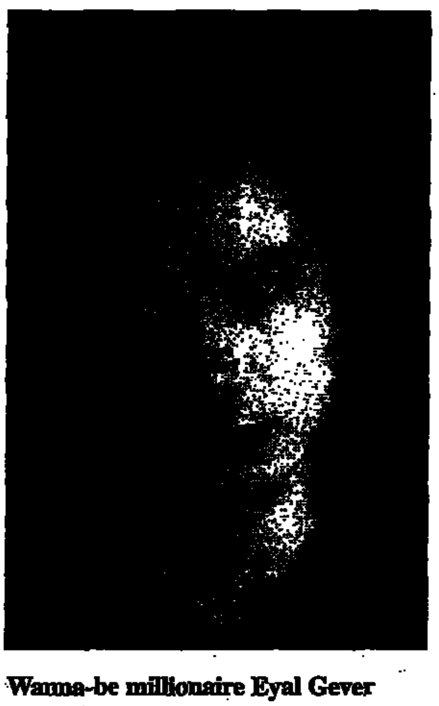
In 1996, Zapa raised $3m. in its first round of financing with two leading venture-capital companies, Star Ventures Management and the Dutch Gilde Investment Funds.

That year Zapa also attracted the attention of Sculley, a serious name in the technology business. He saw the company featured in a magazine and began following its fortunes. Shortly afterward, he and Gever met, spending five hours in Sculley's kitchen. At the end of the meeting, Sculley decided to invest. "He'd never seen a company like Zapa," explains Gever. "The hardest thing to do is fuse technology and art. It's the left and right hand sides of the brain."

A second round of fund-raising was held in 1997 when Sculley and Fujitsu Business Systems, Japan's largest systems integrator, invested $3m.

For Sculley and Gever it was the start of a close friendship. "John is my mentor. He gives me the courage to trust my intuition," says Gever.

This year's Microsoft deal is the biggest for Zapa so far, giving it access to a huge new market of users. But it also marks a turning point.



Wanna-be millionaire Eyal Gever

For some time Gever had been following traditional business models, but he suddenly realized that in the world of Internet commerce, they just wouldn't do. "As a young entrepreneur you listen to prestigious analysts and VCs, and it takes a long time for you to realize that they don't have a clue, and their experience is just as significant as a 19-year-old who has a great idea. The Internet is schizophrenic, and every day reinvents itself. It's hard to predict where the dollars are going to come from."

He cites Eudora and Hotmail as an example. "Eudora sells its e-mail software well, but Hotmail gives it away free. It's become the most visible and popular e-mail software on the planet. Look at their marketing expenses. Eudora spends millions on PR, Hotmail hardly anything. One year ago, this model never existed," he says. In addition, he notes, Hotmail sold for $350m.

"When I listened to my intuition I realized that I should give the software away for free. There are far more Ordinary Joe pages on the Internet than there are advertisers like Pepsi and Coke. The growth of personal pages has exploded in the last two years. There are tens of millions of users. The big companies, on the other hand, don't spend their dollars on technology, but on where they put their adverts."

Though the company had already established sales and marketing channels in the US, Gever blocked shipments and ordered his products to be taken off shelves. It was an expensive turnabout.

"You need to be brave in this industry," *he says. "You have to think differently* and not be embarrassed about being stubborn. Internet entrepreneurs are learning constantly, and they have to take risks."

Today, Zapa's product is aimed at the novice user rather than the high-end market. "We offer exciting, dynamic and aesthetic technology for the layman on the Internet. The software is simple, users never have to deal with the technology side of it. It's intuitive. The simplicity of the product has to be at the level of going to Office Depot and grabbing what you want off the shelf."

His aim is to promote the company through the Internet, give everything away for free, and then work out some way of making money, either by selling adverts on the site, banner headlines or a different approach. He isn't sure yet. "If I can reach the masses, I might be a major success," he says.

IT's a business model that worked well for Mirabilis, now called ICQ Inc., which distributed its software program for free on the Internet and hit the big time earlier this year when it sold to America On-Line for $407m. Gever, however, is very sensitive about discussing this. The four founders of Mirabilis originally worked for Zapa, but left, reportedly over a dispute about shares in the company. They then went on to found their own company, and the rest is history.

For Gever, the constant comparisons to Mirabilis are wearing. He's obviously highly competitive, and it's hard to compete with a company that sold for so much. It puts him on the defensive, and you can sense his frustration. "We aren't a Mirabilis opportunity," he says. "Our product is completely different. Hopefully it will be as successful."

Zapa does have competition, but at present it's scattered. "From a technological standpoint there are competitors," says Gever. "There are a lot of pieces out there but no one's put it together like us. What we offer is simple, powerful and very friendly. It's the cutting edge of technology."

He aims to stay ahead by studying the end user and giving him what he wants. "You've got to be aggressive, offer a good service and be first."

For the future Gever makes no bones about his hopes. "I think Israeli companies should sell and not go public. Israel has a lot to learn about how to raise a company and how to create sales channels. There are Israelis who can do it, but if you really want major success, it's smart to find a partner who can help you. They give you the stage to execute your vision."

So far Zapa has had a few opportunities to sell and merge, but Gever is waiting for the right time and the right partner. When both come along, he will let go. "When I started Zapa, I thought it would be with me until I die. Now I'm older, and I understand that it's a business and it might have an IPO exit or a merger-and-acquisition exit. I wake up with a new idea for a company every day. I'm a serial entrepreneur."

In the meantime, Gever has a hot product in a field that is evolving tremendously. Since its inception, Zapa's technology has been described as promising and ahead of its time. PC technology had much catching up to do.

Now it seems that Zapa's time is finally approaching.

As the Internet moves into a new generation, Gever stands on the brink of success or failure. "Of course I'm fearful that I might fail, and I'll do everything in the world not to fail. It hurts to be frightened. You have to work harder, be smarter, be careful in order to protect yourself. It's scary but it's exciting.

"On the Internet, there's no tomorrow, no today. You work like crazy and do stuff that's crazy and pray to God and the user, and the user comes first.

"Before now, the market wasn't ready. We were very early in the market, and everything was just starting. But Zapa's time is coming. I don't have a timer, but we're in front of a breakthrough.

"Based on my research, today, more than ever, we have a good chance of success, big time. I can't be sure how much. Millionaires we might be. I feel it here," he says, pointing to his heart. "There's just so much to do, so many mistakes not to make, so many risks to analyze.

"I'm not sleeping much at the moment," he confessed as I was leaving.

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Ackerstein Ind.	465	0
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1727	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	8900	0
adalkom	36.5	0
Adanim	323500	0
Adler	121	0
Adsha	135.5	0
Adumim	297	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	99.2	-0.8
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	58	-0.3
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	142	0
Alsek Ind	1084	0
Agis Warrant 3	0	0
Agis Warrant 4	280	-0.4
Agish Int'l	329	0
Agri Investments	506	0
Al-Ban	125	0
Al-Ban Bond A	130	0
Alhe c2	100	0
Alhe w5	109	0
Alliance	590	-8.5
Aloni	278	0
Alony-Hetz	460	1.7
Alony-Hetz Bond A	229	4.1
Alrod	217	0
Alrod Warrant 1	2.3	0
Alrov Bond D	89.6	0
Alrov Warrant 5	168	0
Alumir	280	0
Alumit	1790	0
Amigar	190	0
Amitec	181.5	0
Ammell Warrant 1	40	0
Amnat	865	0
Ampa Investments	108000	0
Analyst EMS	612	0
Angel Trade	48.6	0
Angel Trade Bond A	157.5	0
Angel Trade Bond B	117.8	0
Angel Trade Bond C	64.1	0
Apcon	929	0
Apcon warrant 1	251	0
Applicom	2690	0
Aracell Warrant 2	340	-2.9
Arad	1400	0
Arad Towels	1251	0.1
Arazim	106	0
Arazim Bond 1	269	0
Argaman	172	0
Ariadan	1200	10
Arpal	221	0
Aryt	98	-6.7
Ashkelon Plywood	450	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	263	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	153	2
Ashlad	390	0
Ashlad Bond A	175	5.1
Ashot	312	0
Ashot Bond A	174	0
Ashpara	83	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	182	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	166	0
Ashtrom Ind.	550	0
Ashtrom Prop.	190	0
Astrom P Bond 1	98	0
Astrom p warrant a	20.9	0
Astrum Bond C	105.2	-0.8
Astrum Warrant 2	45	0
Atilon	94.9	0
Atmor	1400	-0.7
ATX	207	0
ATX Bond A	169	0
Atzmon	164.7	0
Aura	3790	0
Avarot	320	0
Avarot Bond A	173	0
Averbuch Formica	634	0
Aviv	339	1.5
Aviv Bond 1	157	0
Aviv Bond 2	92.8	-2.1
Avner	5.1	-3.8
Avrot Bond 2	92.3	0
Avrot Warrant 2	40	0
Ayalon	485	-3
Azimuth	410	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	186	0
Azorim Warrant 13	408	-0.2
Azorim Warrant 5	105.5	1.4
Azorim Warrant A	260	0
Azorim Warrant B	620	0
Badash Bond 1	31	0
Bagir	306	0
Balentine 1	143.5	0
Balentine Bond A	135	0
Baltron	3830	10
Bama'asaf	950	0
Bama'asaf Bond A	157.5	0
Bar	369	0
Bar Bond A	138.3	0
Barad	239	0
Baranowitz	719	6.4
Barkan	839	0
Basel	139.5	0
Batel	170	0
Baumel Moshe	169.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	94.2	-0.3
BaySide Warrant D	1600	0
Beit Shemesh	1470	0
Belmon	340	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	166	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	81	0
Ben Yakar Gat	3920	0
Berman	118.7	1.5
Bezek Bond 3	122.9	2.1
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	255	0
Biku	2100	0
Bitu Bond A	173.7	0
Binar	310	0
Biri	250	0
Bolos Bond B	82.2	0
bolos gad warrant 1	60	0
Bonei Tichon	480	0
Bonjour	430	8.6
Boulous Brothers	145	-5.7
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	264	0
Boulous GD	465	0
Boulous GD Bond A	146.5	0.3
Brand	64	0
Brill	58.5	0
Brok Side	13.6	0
Brosh	129	0
Building Bank	1440	0
Building Resou.	3990	0
C Holdings	459	0
C Holdings Bond 5	48.5	0
Caesarea 1	5700	0
Cantal	4020	4.4
Capital	820	0
Capital Bond A	123	0
Caprice	400	0
Cargal	634	0
Carmel	580	1.8
Carmiel	505	0
Castro	470	0
Catalana 1	497	0
CDI	138.1	-6.1
Cemantecal Bond A	60	0
Cemantecal	270	1.5
Centre	147.8	0
Centre Bond 1	149.9	3.4
Cham	489	0
Chayun Computers	177	0
Chemipal	472	0
Chim-Nir	391	0
CI Systems	135.5	-0.5
Cidab	162	0
Clal Computers	6300	-0.8
Clal Retail	45500	0
Cohen Bem	186	0
Cohen Dev.	197	0
Cohen Mill	135	0
Cold Storage 1	1620	0
Cold Storage 5	9690	6.6
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	272	0
Compi	150	3.4
Comp Warrant 1	9	0
Compulite	230	4.5
Comtech	375	0
Comtrans	776	-9.8
Contal	841	2.6
Contractors	21800	0
Coral Beach	710	0
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2610	0
Cyclone Bond 1	284	0
Cyclone Bond 2	180	0
Dafron	1601	0
Dafron Bond 1	261	0
Dalin	1.4	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	830	0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	164.5	0
Danbar 1	4940	0
Danbar 5	10920	0
Danbar Bond A	266	0
Danbar Resources	5850	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	174	0
Danbar Tech.	5100	-1.9
Danbar Technologies Bond A	166.1	0
Danel	45	0
Danel Bond A	83.5	0
Danel Personnel	2070	-3.3
Danel Warrant 2	199	0
Dankner Bond 1	222	0
Dankner Bond 2	140.5	0
Dankner Bond 3	94.5	0.5
Dankner Warrant C	490	0
Danly	535	0
Darad	113	0
DARBAN BOND 2	100.2	0.2
Darban Bond A	266	0
Darban Warrant 3	69	0
Darsa	141	0
Darton	300	0
Dash investment	780	0
Data	510	9.4
Decison Systems	270	-5.3
Degem Systems	405	-3.1
Delek Drilings	17.4	0
Delek Oil	1425	0
Destiny	775	0
Digal	290	0
Dirom1	1220	0
Dolev	316	-1.2
Dolev Bond A	142.5	0
Dolev warrant 1	29	7.4
Domicar	525	-0.9
Domicar Bond	164.5	0
Dor Berger	320	0
Dor Chim	388	0
Dor Energy	1215	0
Dorc w1	40.9	0
Dorea	50	0
Dorl c1	99.5	-0.5
Dorl Engineering	400	-8.1
Dori Engineering Bond A	137.1	0
Dovrat Bond A	150	0
Dovrat Shrem	1140	-3.8
DSL	740	0
Dubek M	3.7	0
Dubek S	3.8	0
Dunitz	225	-3.8
DYG Industries	440	0
E & M Computing	1045	0
Edgar Albani	31	-8.8
Edgar Industries	192	0
Edgar Inv. Bond C	90.8	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	19.6	0
Effar Bond A	98	0
Eml	135	0
Eitam	360	0
Eloraan	2730	0
El Bad	2000	-5.7
El Canit	435	-1.4
El Canit Bond 1	175	0
Elad	459	0
Elad Bond A	182.8	0
Elad Bond B	147	0
Elad c3	70.1	0.1
Elad w5	28.9	285.3
Elbit Computers Bond B	138	0.1
Eldan Tech	184	-7.4
Electronics Line	534	0
Elgar	5700	3.1
Eltech Ind.	835	0
Elkam	280	1.8
Ella	340	0
Ella Bond A	145.5	0
Elran	4130	4.6
Emek	119	0
Emyle	731	4.7
Engel Const.	520	-0.4
ESE	1720	-1.5
Eshed Robotech	184.5	-10
Even	351	0
Evergreen	3350	0
Evrols Warrant 1	1269	0
Excelence	1578	0
Export Inv.	780	0
Extra	93	0
Feldman	88.9	-2.2
Feldman Bond A	160	-0.6
Feldman Ind.	250	0
Feldman Warrant 3	3	-40
Fertilisers 1	114.5	0
Feuchtwanger 1	8490	0.5
Feuchtwanger 5	40000	1.3
Fidelil	2000	-9.9
Five J Jewelers	371	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	143.8	0
Formica Source	110	0
Frutarom	370	0
Gaholet	12000	0
Galcom	156.3	0
Galran	970	0
Gama	155.7	0
Gamatronic	850	0
Gambit	3010	-5.6
Gan ShmuelBond A	117	0
Gan ShmuelWarrant 3	450	-3.2
Gan Shmuel	1419	-2.1
Ganel Hadar	490	0
Gap Development	141	19.5
Gap Holdings	192	0
Gap Warrant 2	4.5	309.1
Gazit	845	0
Gazit Bond C	142	1.5
Gibor Bond 1	85	0
Gibor Bond A	88.5	-0.6
Gibor Sabrina	82	0
Gibor Sport	809	4.5
Gibor Warrant 2	81.9	2.4
Gilboa	60	0
Gilo	189	0
Gilek	1340	1.1
Givot Olam Oil	113.4	-10
Glob Rit	770	-1.3
Golan	432	0
Gold	223	0
Golden House	445	0
Golden House Bond 1	254	0
Gofex	206	0
Granit Bond	181	0.1
Granit Bond 2	162.9	1.8
Green Software	163.3	0
Greenberg	1200	-3.1
H. Electronics	49.2	0
H. Mer	798	0
Habas	3480	0
Habas Bond 1	154	0
Hadar 1	25000	0
Hadar 5	73400	0
Hadar Ins. 1	845	0
Hadar Ins. 5	3800	0
Hadarim Bond1.	123.3	0
Hadarim Warrant1	900	-7.1
Hagal	365	0
Hagal Bond B	163	0
Hamakor	325	0
Harel	8.1	0
Harel Bond A	0	0
Hasin Esh	750	0
Haton	279	0
Hasehof 1	255	0
Hatehof Bond A	145.2	0
Hayal	1287	0
Hayal Bond2	159	0
Hayal Warrant 1	77.5	-1.9
Hed Arzi Music	330	0
Hiron 1	9900	0
Hiron 5	39000	8.1
HL Service Bond 2	195.8	0
HL Service Bond 3	158.5	1.6
HL Services	1679	0
Hod	110	0
Hof	850	0
Holit	152.9	1.9
Hydrolics	97.9	-0.1
IES Industries	380	0
IES Warrant 1	37.5	0
Ilan Gat	118	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	182	0
ILDC Bond 6	270	0.7
ILDC Hotels	419	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	184.9	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	78	0
ILDC Insurance	395	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	144	0.7
Imco	884	-2
Ind Bld Warrant 3	20	-4.8
Ind Bldgs R1	5	0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	343	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3250	9.8
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3360	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1440	-2
Independence Mort	70000	0
Intercosma	770	0
Intergamma 1	3090	0
Intergamma 5	12000	0
Inventech	530	-0.9
Iscal	1340	0
Ispro	4150	0
Isracolor	359	1.4
Israel Corp. 5	136000	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	148.9	-0.1
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	188.5	0
Isralom	856	0
Isralom Bond C	88.5	0
Isramco	3	0
Isras 1	6780	0
Isras 5	29300	0
Isras Bond A	270	0
ISTA LINES	2100	1
Itay	1800	-10
Itay Bond 1	74.5	-0.7
Itay Warrant 1	396	0
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	152	0
Jaysour Bond A	117.9	-1.3
JEC Bond B	96.1	-0.4
Jerusalem Mort	174	0.2
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	174.5	-0.9
Jeupesse	30.2	0
JOEL	74.1	-3.8
JOEL Bond 1A	240	0
JOEL Bond 2	132.8	0
JOEL Bond A	240	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2.8	0
Kadmani	120	0
Kadouri	666	10.3
katrica bond b	92	0
katrica warrant 1	81	0
Katrit	1195	0
Kalkalit Bond A	93.4	-0.6
Kalkalit warrant 2	185	0
Kamour	429	0
Kamour Bond G	149.9	0
Kamsept	1029	-1.5
Kanel Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30	0
Kanicol Bond A	42.7	0
Kardan 1	469	0
Kardan 5	2300	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kedem Chemicals	3740	0
Kenitex	414	20
Kesher	755	0
Kesher Bond A	158	-3.1
Keter	815	0
Kind	15.7	0
Kind Bond A	42.5	0
King	295	0
Kinneret	169	0
Kach Kirur	165	0
Kehrel Teuls	1050	0
Kital	220	0
Kital Bond A	165	0
Kital Bond A	113.5	-0.3
Kill Ind. 5	6790	1.2
Koor Bond 5	145.5	-0.2
Kopel	288	0
Kopel Bond 1	275	0
La Nationale Bond A	152.9	0
La Nationale Pref	115	0
Lachish	1846	8.8
Lamoni	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	73.5	0
Lasem	440	0
Laviav	570	0
Laznick Bldg	444	0
Laznick Comm Ctre	155.3	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	134	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	280	0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	142	0.4
Leader	920	-0.1
Lego	429	0
Leumi Warrant 5	38.7	-3
Leventhal	660	0
Levi	509	0
Levi Bond A	143	-1.7
Levi Bond B	91.5	0
Levi Warrant 2	42.9	0
Levinstein Bond A	97	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	630	0
Levinstein	1449	0
Liber	319	0.9
Liden	1540	0
Litshir 1	125	3.3
Litshir 5	500	0
Ligad	375	0
Ligad Bond 1	150	0
Lighterage 1	556	0
LIMS	260	0
Lipman	2840	-3.7
Lipski	3270	4.8
Lipski Bond A	182	0
Liraz Bond A	143.5	0.3
Lodan	77.5	0
Lodzia 1	1255	0
Lodzia 4	5200	0
Luhot Galil	22.7	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	150.5	0
Lumir	2970	0
Ma'ariv Bond A	136.9	0
Maabarot	1116	-7
Macpell	575	0
Macpell Bond A	142	0
Macpell Bond B	136	-1.3
Macpell Bond C	81	0
Macpell Warrant 3	36	0
Mafil	488	0
Magam	120	0
Magam Bond A	173.1	0
Magam Bond B	140	0
Magav	187	0
Magma	207	0
Magor 1	1860	0
Magor 5	8200	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	86	-1.1
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	379	0
Malal	249	0
Mali	85	0
Malia	480	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	239	0
Mentor	22.5	-4.7
Marathon	92	0
Marathon Insured	100	-0.5
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	174.6	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	155.6	0.2
Maritime Bank	1379	4.7
Maritime Bank Bond B	155	0
Mashav	990	0
Mashbir	590	0
Mashov	330	0.8
Mashov	224	0
Matam	1319	0
Matav Warrant 1	1050	0
Maxima 1	414	0
Maxima 5	1442	0
Mazpak	602	0.3
Med. Hotels	88	70
Meditechnica	535	-0.2
Meditechnica Bond A	146.5	0
Meditechnica Bond B	86.7	0
Meditechnica Warrant 2	60	-11.8
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	70	0
Megason	57.5	0
Melrad	495	0
Meir Ezra	1700	-3.8
Meir Ezra Bond B	267	0
Melet	288	0
Melisaron Bond B	94	0
Melisaron Warrant 3	38	-2.7
Mendelson	202	9.8
Menofim	31.5	0
Menorah Ins. 5	7450	0
Mercazit	899	0
Merhav	115.8	-6.8
Meytavit	185	0
Middle East Tube	260	-4.8
Middle East Tube Bond A	119	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	11	-12
Milmor Bond A	141.9	1
Milomor Bond B	76	-1
Milomor Warrant 2	80	-8
Milomor	1550	4
Mimeer	72.9	0
Mini Line	578	0
Mixer	13000	0
Mirage	216	0
Mirage Bond A	149	0
Mirage Warrant 1	0	0
Miromit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	56	0
Mishor Bond 2	159.1	0
Mishor Hahof	340	3
Miterani	194.5	0
Mivtach Shamir	2270	-0.4
Mivtach Shamir	1180	0
Mizrahi Inv.	7000	1
Mizrahi warrant 1	131.4	5.7
Mizrahi warrant 2	79.2	1.5
MM Engineering	106.8	0
MM Engineering Bond A	87	0
Modgal	640	0
Modi'in	1.4	7.7
Moliat	200	0
Moliat Convertible Bond AAA	215	-2.3
Molett	846	0
More Plastic Ind.	278	0
Moshkovitz	148	0
MTI Computers	390	0
Mul-T-Lock	617	0
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	42	0
Naphtha	30	-3.2
Naphtha Oil Exp.	30	5.3
Natour	520	-2.8
NATSVA BOND A	106.1	0
Navigator	255	0
Navigator Property	821	0
Nechoshtan Bond B	67	0
Nechushtan Prop.	173.2	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	143.2	2
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.2	0
Negev Ceramics	189	0
Nehushtan 1	583	0
Nehushtan 5	2660	0
Neot Aviv	8470	10
Nesua	430	0
Neve Arbel	154	0
Nevilm Hotels	364	0
Neviot	779	0
Nia	181	0
Nikuv	770	0
Nisco	2390	5.8
Nissan	252	0
NMC	237	-0.8
Noga	1299	1.6
Noga Interens	65	16.1
Nordan	12.2	0
Nordan Tech.	400	0
Norfolk	586	0
Norfolk Bond A	155.6	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	1100	14.7
Oceana	258	0
Ocif	7750	0
Ocif Bond A	181	0
Ocif Bond C	91.8	-0.8
Ocif Warrant 2	870	0
Octova	450	0
Olek	200	0
Ofer Bro	5400	-1.8
Offis	1035	3
Ogdan	61	0
Ohaliav	450	0
Oil Fields	1.2	-14.3
Oil-Dok	240	0
Omni	253	0
Omnitech	190	0
Ophir	359	0
Ophir Tours	588	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	132	10
Orange	3580	0
Orazit	500	0
Orazit Bond A	170	0
Orda	2960	0
Orda Bond 1	184.5	0
Orev	707	0
Oriell	113	0
Orlite	340	-2.9
Orlite Bond A	94.9	0
Orlite Warrant 2	70	75
Ormat Industries Bond D	135	0.7
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	50	0
Ortal	307	0
Otzar Hashilton	25000	-0.4
Oz	212	0
Oz slide	367	0
Packer Steel	4890	2.1
Pallough	635	0
PAM	387	0
Pama	650	0
Pamas	2500	0
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	650	-8.5
Pardes Bond A	49	-10.9
Passport	1819	5.8
Paz Chen	395	0
PCB	1197	-4.6
Pdan Investment	54.5	0
Pareg	117.2	0
Periclase	824	2.2
Phoenix Ins. 5	25000	0.8
Pica Plast	326	-4.1
Pilat	107	7.3
Pinros	130	0
Pinros Bond A	148	-0.5
Pitali	400	0
Plason bond a	101	0
Plason warrant 1	270	-9.4
Plasto Sac	619	0
Plasto Shack Bond A	97.3	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	85	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	96.5	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	1800	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	140	-0.2
Polak	294	0
Polgat A	329	0.3
Polgat B 4	1250	0.8
Polygon	202	-9.4
Polygon Bond 2	218	0
Poraz	166.9	2.1
Port	103	0
Poseidon	97.3	3.4
Pri Haemek	15	0
Pri Haemek Bond A	33.7	44
Pritzker	229	0
Pritzker Bond A	144	0
Profit	390	0
Profit Bond A	138.5	0
Python	430	0
Quality Cap Mkts	340	-1.4
Rabintex	205	0
Ram Zur	67.5	-9.9
Ramgor 1	220	0
Ramgor 4	600	0
Rapak	2530	0
Rapak Bond A	168.9	-0.1
Rassco	1122	0.2
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	93	0
Revad	196	0
RDC	940	0
RDC Bond A	154.5	0
Red Sea Hotels	599	0
Regency	109	0
Regency Bond 1	132.8	0
Regent	450	0
Regent Bond A	152	0
Rekah	432	0
Reshef	60	0
Reshef Bond B	119.9	-2.5
Rimoni	829	0
Rogozin	1069	0
Rogozin Bond A	75.5	0
Rogozin Warrant B	151	0
Romtech	430	0
Rosebud	74.8	0
Rosental	118.5	0
Rotem	285	0
Rotshtein	135	0
Rotshtein Bond A	141	0
RSL	688	-0.1
Sadot Mop Bond A	109.4	0.2
Sagie Prop. Bond 1	39	0
Sahar Bond a	98	0
Sahar Dev.	2850	0
Sahar Securities	545	0
Sahar Warrant 1	265	0
Sanlacol	360	2.3
Sano 1	2480	0
Sano 5	12250	0
Scope	1392	0
Scope Bond A	97.5	0
Scope Warrant 2	106	-3.6
Sea Trade	566	0
Secom	246	0
Securitas	784	5.4
Securitas Bond A	195	0
Selen	1000	0
Semion	397	0
Shaked	328	0
Shamir	260	0
Shatiyah	900	0.4
Shef	238	0
Shekel	180.9	0
Shekel Bond A	158.8	0
Shekem	64.9	-0.2
Shekem Bond 1	155	0
Shaleg	77	-9.9
Shem Tov	264	4.8
Shemen	11710	0
Shladot	52	0
Shlomo Angel	5400	0
Shmi c2	85.4	-0.1
Shmi w2	189	0
Shmira	750	0
Shmira Bond A	180	0
Shniv	592	0
Shtang	112	0
Shulamit	367	0
Shulamit Bond A	153.3	5
Sinai	550	0
Sinai Bond A	153.4	0
Solel Bone Bond A	110.5	0
Soll BoneR1	166	-11.2
Solog	687	0
Solomon	524	9.9
solomon bond a	76.9	0
Solomon Holdings	419	9.7
solomon warrant 2	67	0
South Pipe	347	0
Spancil	252	0
Spectronix 1	1154	0.9
STG	1195	0
STG Bond A	120	0
Sunfrost	4710	0
Suny Electronics	569	-0.9
Synopsis	210	0
Synopsis Bond A	156.7	0
Syntec	333	0
Ta'al	170	-7.1
Tachol Bond B	84.2	0
Tachol Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	200	0
Tadiran Appl	519	0
Tal	150	0
Tal Bond A	74.7	0
TAP Bond 1	295	0.3
Tashloz bond a	122.5	-0.5
Tashloz warrant 2	187	-0.5
Tashluz	1075	0
Tashluz Bond A	173.1	0
Tashluz Bond B	134	0
Tashluz Prop.	890	0
Taste of Israel	164	0
TAT 1	370	0
TAT 5	1194	-0.3
TAT Bond A	254	0
Taya	816	0
Taya Comm. 1	235	0
Team Computers	4860	0
Technoplast	658	2.2
Tedea	1375	-0.3
Tedea Bond A	113	-0.4
Tedea Warrant 1	270	0
Tefahot Preferred	175000	-4.9
Tefron	1200	0
Telidor	582	0
Telels	1220	-0.8
Telels Warrant 1	313	0
Tene	198.9	0
Tezza	191.8	3.7
Tezza Insured	191.5	0.8
Tibon Veal	129	0
Tim Warrant 3	600	0
Tiv	427	-4.9
TMM	174	0
Tobias	2680	0
Tom	700	-2.1
Topline	580	0
Topline Bond 2	163.1	0
Topper	32.9	0
Topper Bond 1	83.5	0
Tosaf Compounds	311	0
Trade	400	0
Trade Bond A	209	0
Trend Line	1595	0
Trocadero	35	0
Trydical	370	0
Tsabar	204	0
Tsarfati	600	0
Tsarfati Bond A	156	0
Tsur	166	0
Tsur Bond A	257	0
Tsur Bond B	122	0
Tsur Bond C	89	0
Tsur Preferred	167	0
Tuttenauer	930	2.1
Tzmicha	470	0
Tzmicha Bond A	167	0
Ultald	38	0
Unibar 1	754	0
Unibar 5	784	0
Unico	3700	0
Unicorn 1	55	0
Unicorn Bond 1	260	0
Unidress	2070	0
United Steel	164.9	0
United Steel Industries Bond 1	166	0
Univercol	390	-2.5
Urdan	258	0
Urdan Warnt 5	120	0
Urope Israel	2460	3.3
Vardinon	18900	0
Vardinon Bond A	161	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	152.3	0
Videomatrix	28.7	0
Vilar	368	0
Vilar Bond 1	159.6	0.3
Vill Food	1338	1.1
Villiger Bond A	149.5	0
Vitalgo	350	0.3
Vitalgo Bond A	134.9	-3.2
Vulcan	500	0
Vulcan Bond 1	245	0
Will Bond A	91.2	0
Will Warrant 1	289	0
Woolfman 1	530	0
Woolfman 5	2400	0
Woolfson	63000	0
Ya'ara	585	-10
Yaacobi	129	0
Yaad Bond A	175.5	0
Yaad Bond B	80	0.5
Yaad Industries	286	0
Yaad Warrant 3	38	0
Yad	480	0
Yamit	158	0
Yarden	600	0
Yarden Bond 2	140	0.7
YDPZ	270	0
YDPZ Bond A	155	0
Yeda	1840	0
Yehuda	209	0
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yheaf	1397	-1.3
Yhalal Warrant 1	209	0
Yona Bond A	158	0
Yona Hotels	180	0
Yozma	437	0
Yovel	150	0
Zabir	565	0
Zanea Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	89	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	54	0
Zat	109.8	0
Zehavi	144	0
Zeller Ablagon	417	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	152	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	127	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	66.1	0
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	3.8	0
Zika 1	660	-10
Zika 5	3350	0
Zikit 1	6000	0
Zikit 5	22500	0
Zinometal	510	-1.9
Zion Cables 1	211	-3.7
Zion Holdings	14720	0
Zion Textiles	180.5	-5
Ziv	276	0
Zohar	330	0
Zoko	265	10.4

*In local currencies

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	35.25	+1.25
Ampal American Israel	3.875	+0.125
Carmel Container Sys	5.125	0
Electro Chemical Ind	0.625	0
Emultek	1.4375	-0.25
Etz Lavud	6.5	+0
Etz Lavud Cl A	4.625	0
Integrated Technology	1.5625	-0.0625

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	2.625	+0
Accent Software	0.21875	+0
A.G. Associates	3.375	+0.25
Aladdin	7.5	-0.125
Ampal	9.90625	0
Arel Commun & Software	4.0625	+0.0625
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.03125	-0.03125
Better Online Solutions	6.1875	+0
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.15625	0
Bio Technology General	8.65625	-0.21875
B.V.R. Technologies	3.6875	+0.5
Checkpoint Software	32.0625	+2.6875
Cimatron	2	+0.0625
Comverse Technology	56	+3.375
Crystal Systems Solutions	10.5	-0.125
D.S.P.G. Group	18.3125	-0.125
D.S.P.T. Tech	7.8125	-0.125
Data Systems Software	3	+0
ECI Telecom	34	+0.5
Edusoft	7.75	-0.375
Electric Fuel	3.46875	+0.46875
Electronics for Imaging	27.5875	+0.25
Elbit Computers	3.03125	-0.03125
Elron Electronics ord	14	+0.1875
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	-	
Elbit Medical Imaging	10.625	+0.625
Elbit Systems Ltd	12.3125	+0.625
Eltek Circuit Boards	0.90625	+0
Engel General Developers	3.75	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	10.875	-0.25
Elbit Vision Systems	1.5	-0.1875
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.4375	+0.03125
Formula Systems (1985)	23.625	-0.375
Forsoft Ltd	10.25	+0
Fundtech	18.375	+1.8125
Galileo	18.375	+0.5
G.Will-Food	1.5	-0.1875
Gilat Comm Ltd	8.625	+0
Gilat Satellite Networks	52.5	+3.875
Genesis Bnts	3.625	-0.0625
Healthcare Technologies	1.25	+0.0625
Home Center	10.375	+0.125
I.C.T.S.	5.5	-0.25
IIC Industries	8.75	0
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.40625	+0.0625
Israel Land Develop - ADR	11.375	0
Indigo	2.875	+0.1875
ISG Int'l Software Group	7.625	-0.0625
Isramco	2.59375	+0.03125
Isramco Warrants A	-	-
Isramco Warrants B	-	-
Lan Optics	1.6875	+0.0625
Logal	0.6875	-0.0625
Level 8 Systems	6.875	+0.25
M-Systems Flash Disk	4.75	+0
Madge	4.8125	-0.1875
Magal Security Systems	2.0625	+0.0625
Matav	18.5	-0.5
Media El	8.125	+0.625
Memco	13.375	+0.125
Mer Telemanagement	1.625	0
Mercury	48.75	+0.25
Magic Software Enterprises	3.5	+0
Nelmanage	2.1875	+0.03125
New Dimension Software	31.75	+1.375
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	3.375	+0
Nice Systems	18.25	-0.25
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.40625	+0
Noga Electro Mechanical	1	+0.03125
Nur Tecnology	2.625	-0.25
Opti Systems Solutions	7.75	+0.0625
Optomedics Medical Tech	2.25	-0.09375
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.5	0
Orbit/FR Inc	3.125	-0.125
Orbotech	37.375	+2.875
Orckit	16.125	-1
Oshap Technologies	6.1875	+0.4375
Paradigm Geophys	4.75	-0.125
Pharmos	1.9375	-0.03125
Point of Sale	6.9375	-0.25
Rada Electronics Ind	1.4375	-0.0625
Radcom Ltd	2.1875	+0
RiT Technologies	1.8125	-0.0625
RSL Communications	23.875	-1.375
Scitex Corporations	8.5	-0.125
Silicom	1.625	0
Summit Design	9.5	+0
Sapiens International	7.875	+0.21875
Scanvec	2.6875	+0
Tadiran Telecomm	19.0625	+0.375
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	5.125	+0.0625
Tat Technologies	1.46875	+0.46875
Technomatix Technologies	14.125	-0.375
Teva	42.875	-0.25
Top Image Systems	2.875	-0.125
Top Image Systyms Warrant	0.21875	-0.03125
Teledata Communications	-	-
Tower Semiconductor	9.125	-0.5
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	6.625	+0.125
TTR Inc	-	-
TVG Technologies	0.53125	-0.03125
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.375	+0
TVG Tech C	0.21875	+0
Vocaltec	13.875	-0.125
Wiz Tec Solutions	13.25	-0.6875
Zoran Corporation	12.8125	+0.3125

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	13.875	+0.25
Blue Square	12.625	+0
D.S.P. Communications	15	+2.0625
Elscint	11	-0.1875
First Israel Fund	12.1875	+0.125
PEC Israel Economic Corp	24.25	-0.0625
Koor	17.125	-0.4375
Simula Inc	7.0625	-0.0625
Super-Sol Ltd	11.375	-0.1875
Tadiran	35.875	+0.0625
Teltron Ltd	12	+0

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	174	+0
Dmatek Ltd.	34.5	+0
Pilat	13.5	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	4	+0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	54	+1.625
AMP Inc	48.0625	+2.9375
AMR Corp	64.8125	+1.8125
ASA	20.4375	-0.1875
Abbott Labs	49.6875	+0.5
Advanced Micro	28.75	-0.6875
Aetna Life	82.125	+1.5
Affiliated Publ	18.5	0
Aflac	38.25	+1.1875
Ahmanson (HF)	-	-
Air Prods	40.875	+1.5625
Alberto-Culv B	25.125	+0.25
Albertson's	57.375	+0.875
Alcan Aluminum	28.875	+0.375
Allied Signal	42.8125	+1
Alcoa	80.3125	+0.5
Amax	-	-
Amazon	218	+37.375
Amerada Hess	57.8125	+0.5625
Amer Brands	22.4375	-0.125
Amer El Power	48.8125	-0.0625
Amer Express	108.938	+4.375
Amer Genl Corp	73.5625	+2.9375
Amer Greeting	42.375	+0.8125
Amer Home Pr	53.625	+0.75
Amer Int'l	98.9375	+4.3125
Amer Natl Ins	83.625	-0.6875
Amer Power Conv	43.625	-1.1875
Amer Stores	33.25	-0.1875
Amer T & T	63.9375	+0.625
Amer West Hldg	13.875	+0.375
Ameritech	58.5	-0.875
Ametek Inc	20.9375	+0.125
Amgen	79	+1.75
Amoco	60.3125	+0.625
Analog Devices	22.5	+0.9375
Andrew Corp	16.0625	-0.625
Anheuser-Busch	60.0625	+1.5625
Aon Corp	60.375	+0.5625
Apple Computer	38.25	+0.9375
Applied Magnetics	7.125	+0.5625
Applied Materials	40.0625	+0.75
Archer Daniels	17.75	+0.375
Armco	3.9375	+0
Armstrong World	69.125	+1.4375
Asarco	20.1875	+0.375
Ascend	54.875	-0.1875
Ashland Coal	18.1875	-0.1875
Ashland Oil	51	+0.8125
Atlantic Energy	23.375	+0.0625
Atlantic Richfld	65.0625	-1.125
Auto Data Pro	79.375	-0.0625
Autodesk	36.25	+1.0625
Avery Dennison	48.5	+2.1875
Avnet Inc	59.0625	+0.375
Avon Products	42.125	+2.375
Balmco Corp	6.6875	0
Baker Hughes	20	-0.5
Ball Corp	43.8875	+0.8125
Baltimore Gas	30.5625	-0.125
Banc One Corp	54	+1.1875
Bandag	36.4375	-0.3125
BankAmerica	65.0625	+2
Bank of Boston	42.75	+0.9375
Bank of New Yk	35	-0.125
Bankers Tst NY	84.25	+7
Barnes & Noble	27	-2
Battle Mount Gd	5.375	+0.0625
Bausch & Lomb	51.5	-0.9375
Baxter Intl	64.5625	+1.125
Bay Network	-	-
Becton Dickinson	42.5625	+0.5625
Bed Bath & Bynd	28.0625	+1.6875
Bell Atlantic	57.4375	+0.5
Bell Industries	10.375	-0.03125
BellSouth	83.5	+2.125
HA Belo Corp	18.875	-0.3125
Beneficial Corp	21.5	+0
Bethlehem Steel	8.4375	-0.3125
Beverly Entprs	6.5	+0.375
Biomet	37.0625	+0.25
Black & Decker	56.6875	+1.6875
Boeing	43.9375	+0.375
Boise Cascade	27.875	-0.9375
Bowater Inc	38.9375	-1.8125
Briggs & Strttn	52	+1.875
Bristl Myrs Sqb	122.625	+2.6875
Brit Airws ADR	67.75	+0.5
Brit Steel ADR	17.5	+0.25
Brit Telecom	146.938	+3
Brown Group	17	-0.25
Brown & Sharpe	7	+0.0625
Browning Ferris	31	-1
Brunswick	22.25	+1.125
Burlington Nthn	33.4375	-0.125
Burlington Res	36.75	+0
CBS Inc	29.5625	+0.1875
CKS Group	31.625	+4.25
CMS Energy Corp	48.75	+0.6875
CSX Corporation	43.375	-0.3125
Cabot Corp	31.3125	-0.125
Campbell Soup	58.4375	+0.9375
Canadian Pac	22.125	+0.625
Capital Cts ABC	55.4375	+0
Capstead	3.75	-0.125
Caremark Corp	31	+0.0625
Carnival Corp	34.375	+0.625
Carolina Pwr Lt	48.8125	+0.125
Carpenter Tech	36.625	-0.6875
Caterpillar	50.25	+1.375
Centex Corp	37.75	-0.625
Central & SW	28.25	+0.3125
Ceridian	63.4375	-1.0625
Champion Intl	39.3125	-0.125
Cheng Shoppes	4.3125	-0.1875
Chase Manhattan	65	+3.0625
Chevron Corp	80.3125	-0.5625
Chiquita Brands	11.4375	+0.25
Cholestec	3.875	-0.25
Chrysler	-	
Chubb Corp	72.5	+2.9375
Cisco	76.1875	+1.5625
Citicorp	48.9375	+3.875
Clevld Cliffs	38.625	+0.75
Clorox	116.125	-0.8125
Coastal Corp	38.0625	+0
Coca Cola	75.25	+2.4375
Coca Cola Ent	38.75	+0.875
Colgate Palmolv	94.75	+1.5625
Comcast Corp A	49.5625	-0.5625
Compaq	34.5	+0.5
Computer Ass Int	44.75	+3.5
Computer Sci	60.5625	+3
Conagra	32	-0.125
Cons Edison	52.25	+0.3125
Cons Freightwys	37.75	-0.4375
Cons Nat Gas	55.1875	+0.375
Cooper Inds	49.0625	-0.0625
Coors (Adolph)	50.625	+1
Corning Inc	40.875	+1
Crane	31.6875	+0.8125
Crompton Knowles	19.125	+1
Crown Cork Seal	33.1875	+0.9375
Cummins Engine	38.5625	-1.5625
Curtiss-Wright	37.5	-0.1875
Cypress Semicon	10.9375	+0.1875
Cyprus Mineral	11.875	+0.375
Cytec Indust	24	+0.125
DQE	40.125	+0.25
Dallas Saml	39.4375	-0.0625
Dana Corp.	41.1875	-0.375
Data General	18.125	+0.375
Dayton Hudson	45.25	+1.1875
De Beers	15.125	-0.125
Deere	37.25	-0.4375
Dell Computers	65.875	+1.5
Delta Air Lnes	53.0625	+0.875
Deluxe Corp	36.0625	+1.0625
Detroit Edison	44.9375	+0.0625
Dial Corp Del	26.0625	+0.125
Diebold Inc	36.6875	+1.25
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	36.125	+0.3125
Disney (Walt)	29.5	+1
Dominion Res	47.5	+0.5
Donnelley (RR)	43.4375	+0.6875
Dover Corp	34.75	+1.5
Dow Chemicals	98.4375	+3.0625
Dow Jones	49.9375	+0.75
Dresser	-	-
DSC Comm	-	-
Duke Power	63	-0.5625
Dun & Bradst	29.5	+0.5
Du Pont	61	+0.125
E G & G Corp	27.125	+0.5625
Eastern Ents	41.6875	+0.375
Eastman Kodak	75.3125	-1.375
Eaton Corp	69.875	-0.0625
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	13.875	+0.6875
Emerson Elec	64.25	+3.125
Engelhard Corp	20.4375	+1.25
Enron Corp	56.3125	+0.6875
Entergy Corp	29.75	+0.4375
Enzo Biochem	11.375	+0
Equifax Inc	44.25	+1.0625
Ericsson	26.75	+1
Ethyl Corp	6.375	+0.0625
Exide Corp	17.375	-0.625
Exxon	72.0625	+0.0625
FMC Corp	58.9375	+0.125
FPL Group	62.9375	+1.4375
Fedders Corp	6	+0.0625
Federal Express	63.125	+2.4375
Federal Mogul	58.625	-0.0625
Fed Nat Mtge	71.625	+1.4375
First Chicago	-	-
First Union	63.9375	+2.25
Fruit of the Loom	15.4375	+0.5
Fst Union Rlty	5.8125	-0.0625
Fleet Fnl Grp	43.8125	+0.5
Fleetwd Enterp	33.5625	+1.125
Fleming Cos Ok	9.5625	-0.125
Florida Prog	42.125	+0
Fluor Corp	45.0625	+0.625
Food Lion Inc	9.8125	+0
Ford Motor	55.75	+0.375
Fortune Brands	35.4375	-0.125
Foster Wheeler	17.25	-0.6875
Furniture Brands	25.875	+1.125
Galoob Toys	-	-
Gateway 2000	61.3125	+4.6875
GATX Corp	37.8125	+0.125
GTE Corp	63.9375	+0.8125
Gannett	65.5	+0
Gap Inc Del	73.5	+5.5
Gencorp	24.0625	+0.125
Gen Am Invest	30.1875	+0.75
Gen Dynamics	59.625	-0.4375
Gen Electric	94.5625	+1.875
Gen Mills	74.1875	+1.125
Gen Motors	73.5	+1.625
Gen Motors H	40	+2.1875
Gen Public Util	44.5625	+0.3125
Gen Reinsurnce	240.625	+9.9375
Gen Signal	-	-
Gen DataComm	3.75	-0.25
Genuine Parts	33.5	+0.3125
Georgia Pac	53.9375	+0.4375
Germany Fund	14.25	+0.375
Gillette	47.5875	+0.25
Glaxo ADR	64.25	+0.3125
Golden W Fnl	97.625	+2.6875
Goodrich (BF)	39.25	+3.8125
Goodyear Tire	56.625	+0.9375
Grace (W&R)	16.4375	-1.0625
Grainger (WW)	44.375	+0.25
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26.625	+0.1875
Grt Central Mine	2.375	+0.0625
Gulf Canada Res	3.4375	-0.0625
Halliburton	32.5	-0.5625
Hanna (MA)	13.0625	-0.4375
Harcourt	52.875	+1
Harley Davidson	40.3125	+1.375
Harnischfeger	8.75	-0.1875
Harrah's Ent	16.5	+0.625
Harris Corp	37.9375	-0.25
Harsco Corp	32.1875	-0.375
Hartmax	5.5625	+0
Hasbro	35.0625	+0.1875
HBO & Co	25.125	-0.875
Health Care Ppt	31.375	-0.125
Hecla Mining	4.5	+0.125
Heinz (HJ)	60.1875	-0.1875
Helix Technol	13.75	+0.5
Hrnch & Payne	18.9375	-0.5
Hercules	33.9375	-0.125
Hershey Foods	69.375	+1.1875
Hewlett Packard	61.625	+3.8125
Hilton Hotels	20.9375	+1.1875
Hirsch Int	4.25	+0.125
Hollinger	12.8125	+0.0625
Home Depot	50.625	+1.3125
Homestake	11.8125	-0.0625
Honeywell	82.25	+2.1875
Hormel (Geo)	31.625	+0.1875
Household Intl	39.875	+1.875
Houston Inds	32.625	+0.75
Humana	19	+0
IBM	166.563	+6.4375
Ilinova Corp	26.6875	+0.1875
Illinois Tool	65.0625	+0.4375
INCO	12.875	+0
Ind Comm Bank	14.5	+0
Ingersoll Rand	47.75	+0.8125
Inland Steel	18.4375	-0.625
Intel Corp.	113.563	+1.5
Intergraph	6.375	+0
Interlake	3.5625	+0.0625
Intl Flav & Fr	43	+0.6875
Intl Multifoods	24.25	+0.375
Intl Paper	45.8125	-0.1875
Interpublic	70.3125	+1
Jefferson Plt	66.9375	+2.125
Johnson & J	87.875	-1.125
K Mart	15.1875	+0.1875
Kaiser Alum	6.875	+0.0625
Kellogg	34	-0.0625
KLA Instruments	37.875	+1
Kennametal	20.4375	+0
Kerr-McGee	41.125	-0.625
KeyCorp	33.375	+1.4375
Kimberly-Clark	50.6875	+0.3125
King World Prod	29.625	+0
Knight Ridder	52.5	+0.1875
Kroger	55.3125	-1.5
LSI Logic	16.75	-0.3125
Legget & Platt	23	+0.6875
Leucadia Natl	31.1875	-0.0625
Lilly (Eli)	89.375	+2.1875
Limited Inc	28.5	+1.125
Linear Technol	74.5	+3.625
Lincoln Nat	83.875	+2.375
Litton	64	-0.4375
Liz Claiborne	34.5	+0.6875
Lockheed Corp	108.375	+1.5
Loews Corp	104.375	+3.0625
Lone Star	77.4375	-0.1875
Longs Drug Strs	33.1875	-0.75
Loral Corp	19.75	+0
Louisiana Pacif	17	+0.375
Lowe's Co Inc	41.25	+1.6875
Lucent Tech	88.6875	+2.0625
Lubrizol	25.5625	-0.4375
Madge	4.8125	-0.1875
Mallinckrodt	32.8125	+0.8125
Manor Care	-	-
Mapco Inc	-	-
Marriott	30.1875	+0.75
Mrsh & McLn	61.125	+1.625
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	30.375	+0.8125
Massmutual Corp	24.1875	+0.1875
Mattel Inc	39	+2.125
May Dept St	62.375	-0.8125
Maytag Corp	55.3125	+0.75
McDermott	26.8125	-0.625
McDonalds	72.4375	+1.3125
McGraw Hill	90.875	+1.125
McKesson Corp	76.8125	-1.5625
Mead Corp	29.8125	-0.875
Medtronic	69.25	+0.6875
Mellon Bk	64.125	+1.625
Mentor Graphics	8.75	+0.5
Merck Inc	155.813	+4.3125
Meredith Corp	39.5625	+0
Merrill Lynch	76	+4.375
Micron Technol	47.5	+4.5
Microsoft Corp	119.188	+5.5625
Millipore	26.875	+1.25
Mine Safety App	66	0
Minnesota Mine	85.0625	+1.875
Mitchell Energy	13.75	+0.0625
Mobil Corp	76.1875	+0.9375
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	33	+1
Monarch Macht	6.8125	+0.125
Monsanto	41	+0.125
Morgan (JP)	115.875	+6.25
Morton Intl	29.9375	+1.25
Motorola Inc	61.5	-0.125
Murphy Oil	41.3125	-0.25
Nacco Inds	91	-2.0625
Nalco Chemical	33	+0.625
Nashua Corp	16.375	-0.125
Natl City Corp	69.9375	+1.125
Natl Semi	14.875	-0.1875
Natl Serv Ind	40.25	+1.25
NatWest Bank	113.625	+6.125
Navistar Int	28.125	+1.125
Netscape	41.9375	+2.75
New England El	42.4375	+0.0625
News Corp	26.875	-0.125
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	32	+0.5
Newmont Mining	22.0625	+0.125
Niag Mohawk	15.375	+0.25
Nicor Inc	43.9375	-0.0625
Nike Inc	44.1875	+1.5
NL Industries	13.9375	-0.75
Noble Affil	27.0625	+0.0625
Nokia	101.625	+3.5
Nordstrom	38.9375	+3.125
Norfolk Southrn	33.625	+0.6875
Northeast Util	15.5	-0.1875
Northern Telecom	46.3125	+0.3125
Novell	18	+1.1875
Nthn State Pwr	27.75	-0.0625
Northrop	82.5	+1.8125
Norwest Corp	-	-
NSI	0.40625	+0
Occidental Pet	20.125	-0.25
Ogden Corp	27.5	+0.0625
OEA	11.9375	-0.0625
Ohio Casualty	40.75	+0.5
Olin Corp	29.6875	-0.1875
Omnicom Group	56.1875	+0.125
Oneok Inc	36.4375	+0.3125
Oracle Systems	36.875	+2.0625
Oryx Energy Co	14.5625	-0.1875
Oshkosh B'gosh	23	+0.625
Overseas Ship	17.0625	-0.5625
Owens Corning	36.1875	-0.3125
PNC Financial	52.875	+0.875
PPG Industries	62.5625	+1.5
Paccar Inc	48	+1.5
Pacificorp	18.9375	-0.1875
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	32.3125	+0.5
Pall Corp	24.0625	-0.625
Parker Drilling	4.0625	-0.125
Parker Hannifin	36.1875	+0.75
Payless Shoe	50.9375	+1.0625
Penney(JC)	54.9375	+1.9375
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	27.625	+0.0625
Pennzoil	37.875	+2.25
People's Energy	39	+0.375
Pepsico	37.5	+0.1875
Perkin Elmer	90.875	+2.75
Pfizer	116.688	+4.8125
Pharmacia & Upj	54	-0.5
Phelps Dodge	57.8125	+0.125
Philadel Elec	41.1875	+0.5
Philip Morris	58	+2.25
Phillips Elec	69.9375	+0.25
Phillips Pet	43.9375	+0.3125
Phycor Inc	6.21875	-0.34375
Pioneer Hi Bred	30.6875	+0.125
Pitney Bowes	57.375	+0.125
Policy Mgt Sys	48.125	+0.5625
Polycom	17.75	-0.75
Potash Corp	64.1875	+1.125
Potomac El Pwr	26.5	+0
Procter & Gamble	93.5625	+2.125
Promus Hotel Cor	34.5	+1.375
Pub Svc Enterpr	39.125	+0.5
Pug Snd Pwr	27.1875	+0.0625
Quaker Oats	65.375	+0.5
Qualcom	56.625	+1.25
Quanex Corp	18.125	+0.125
RJR Nabisco	31.625	+1.1875
Ralston Purina	36.75	+0.1875
Rank Organ ADR	8	+0
Raychem Corp	33.9375	+0.9375
Raytheon A	58	+0.0625
Raytheon B	59.1875	+0
Reebok Intl	15.5625	+0.25
Republic NY	46.75	+1
Reynolds Reyn A	21.1875	+0
Reynolds Metals	59.5625	-0.25
Rite Aid Corp	48.25	+0.0625
Rockwell Intl	48.375	+0
Rohm & Haas	36.25	+0.0625
Rouse	26.625	+0.375
Rowan	10.625	-0.5
Royal Dutch	48.1875	+0.4375
Rubbermaid	34.25	+0.125
Ruddick	19.125	-0.5625
Russell Corp	24.125	+0.5
Ryder System	27.8125	+0.8125
SPS Technology	57.375	+0.625
Safeco Corp	44.5	+1.875
Safety-Kleen	3.4375	+0
St Paul's Cos	37.25	+1.125
Sara Lee Corp	60.8125	-0.25
Schering Plough	107.688	+3.5
Schlumberger	49.875	-1.5625
Scientif Atlanta	17.0625	+0.4375
Scripps	51.25	+0.3125
Seagate Tech	31.375	+0.6875
Seagram	35.25	+1.3125
Sears Roebuck	49.875	+1.6875
Sempra Energy	25.0625	+0.1875
Sensormatic Elec	6.75	-0.0625
Sequant Computer	12.4375	+0.1875
Service Corp I	39.25	+0.4375
Service Master	21.8125	-0.1875
Shell Trans	36.75	+0.1875
Sherwin Wllms	27.25	+0.75
Shoney's Inc	1.75	-0.0625
Sigma Aldrich	33.375	+1.375
Silicon Graphics	13.4375	-0.8125
Skyline Corp	31.9375	+0.5
Smith Intl	29	+0
SmKline Bchm A	61.6875	-1.3125
Snap-On-Tools	33.875	+1.0625
Sonat	30.8125	+0.25
Sorocco Prods	28.5	-0.25
Sony Corp ADR	74.875	+1.75
Southdown	58.3125	+0.375
Southern Co	29.125	-0.125
Sth N. Eng Tel	-	-
Southw Airlines	21.625	+0.5625
SBC Sthwstn Bell	50.375	+0.5625
Spring Inds	36.5	-0.25
Sprint Corp	81.3125	-0.9375
Standard Prods	18.6875	+0.0625
Stanley Works	30.875	+0.25
Stone Container	-	-
Storage Technol	37.25	+0
Stratus Comp	-	-
Sun America	1.6875	+0
Sunbeam Corp	6.625	-0.25
Sun Company	34.0625	+0.9375
Sundstrand	55.5625	+1.625
Sun Microsystms	71.3125	+3.8125
Sunshine Mining	0.6875	+0.0625
Suntrust	73.8125	+3.0625
Supervalu	28.4375	-0.0625
Symantec	20.125	+1.0625
Sysco Corp	28.375	+0.625
TJX Cos Inc	25.6875	+2.1875
TRW Inc	55.25	+1.75
Tab Products	7.0625	-0.125
Tandy Corp	48.6875	+1.1875
Telecom Corp	42.5625	+0.625
Telefonos de Mex	50.25	-0.25

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Telef De Espana	140.375	-1.3375
Temple Inland	49.875	-0.4375
Tenneco	33.5625	-0.5625
[illegible]net Health	29.875	+1.0625
Teradyne	34.8125	+0.1875
Tesoro Pet	13.6875	-0.375
Texaco	58.5	-0.625
Texas Instrmnts	78.75	+2.25
Texas Utilities	45.3125	-0.1875
Textron	79.25	+3.1875
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	45.1875	+0.5625
ThreeCom	41.9375	+2.0625
Time Warner	103.688	+0.5625
Times-Mirror	60.5625	-0
Timken	20.125	+0.0625
Torchmark	39.875	+0.875
Tosco Corp	25.4375	-0.9375
Toys R Us	19.9375	+0.125
Transamerica	111.313	+1.3125
Transco Energy	60.75	+0.0625
Travellers Grp	-	-
Tribune	53.5625	-0.0625
Triton Energy	10.1875	-0.5
TWA	5.375	-0.125
Tyco Ind Ltd	65.4375	+0.375
Tyler	7.625	+0.0625
UAL Corp	83.5	+0.125
USG Corp	48.5	-0.375
UST Inc	34.25	+1
USX Marathon	30.5	+0.3125
USX-US Steel	24.25	-0.75
Ultramar Diam	27.375	-0.875
Unicom Corp	38.3125	+0.25
Unilever PLC	44.875	+0.375
Unilever NV	84.0625	+1.3125
Union Camp	46.9375	+0.0625
Union Carbide	44.75	+0.25
Union Pacific	49	+0.1875
Unisys Corp	28.625	+0.875
[illegible]AIR Group	46.4375	-0.4375
[illegible]F&G Corp	-	-
US Home	33.375	+0.4375
US Surgical	-	-
US Trust	68.625	+0.875
US West	60.5	-0.0625
United Tech	106.25	+2.8125
Unocal Corp	34.1875	-0.0625
VF Corp	48.8125	+0.25
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1.40625	+0
Valero Energy	21	-0.0625
Varian Assoc	38.375	-1.0625
Viacom Inc	67.375	+0.375
Vishay	15.125	+0.5
Vulcan Materials	127	-1.4375
Wachovia	95.125	+1.625
Walgreen	52.75	-0.5
Wal-Mart Stores	74.9375	+1.1875
Warner-Lambert	81.5	+1.875
Wash Gas Light	26	+0.125
Washington Mutu	40.25	+1.25
Washington Post	532.75	+3.1875
Waste Mgmnt Inc	46.5	+1.5625
Watkins-Johnson	18.25	-0.5
Weis Markets	37.5	+0.25
Wells Fargo	39.25	-0.625
Wendy's Intl	20.3125	+0.1875
Westvaco	27.75	+0.125
Weyerhaeuser	47.8125	-0.5625
Whirlpool	57.625	+1.25
Whitman	22	-0.0625
Williams Co	29.5625	-0.0625
[illegible]Dixie Strs	40.1875	+1.0625
[illegible]worth	6.6875	+0.0625
World Comm	58.5625	+1.0625
Worthington Ind	13.3125	+0.0625
Wrigley	89.9375	+1.75
Xerox	109.938	+3.625
Yahoo	221.438	+30.4375
Yellow Freight	17.125	+0.125
Zero Co	-	-

LONDON

Allied Domecq	526.75	+11.75
Allied Zurich	826	+39
BAT Inds	532	+6.5
BT	894.5	+14.5
BTR	133	+40
Barclays	1399	+75
Bass	805	+52.5
Boots	1049	+36
British Airways	400	-2.5
Comm Union plc	1018	+79.5
Diageo	700	+8.5
General Electric	521	-5
Glaxo	1945	+10
Halifax	872	+31.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1564	+50
ICI	563	+14.5
Land Securities	799	+3
Lloyds Bank	875	+24.5
Marks & Spencer	454	+16.5
NatWest Bank	1153	+47
Prudential	915	+28
Reuters	629.5	+25.5
Sainsbury	533.5	+8.5
Shell Transport	385	+5.75
Tyco Intl	3750	+0
Unilever	650	+1
Zeneca	2450	+7

PARIS

Accor	1185	-15
Air Liquide	912	-24
Alcatel Alsthom	680	+20
Euro Disney	7.95	-0.2
Michelin B	219	-6
Moulinex	83.5	+0.5
Paribas	490	+21.8
Pernod Ricard	395.5	+1
Peugeot	860	+17
Saint Gobain	835	+28

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bayer	71.7	+1.9
Daimler-Benz	158.8	+5.8
Lufthansa	37.3	+1.45
Mannesmann	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	27.1	+2.15
Volkswagen	140	+4.1

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 23-NOV-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.5537	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.5537	0
British Pound (1)	6.9311	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.454	0
French Franc (1)	0.7315	0
Japanese Yen (100)	0.3452	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.9727	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.7048	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.4786	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.887	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	9374.27	+214.72
DJ Transport	3013.85	+38.93
DJ Utils	312.08	+1.89
DJ Comp	2881.58	+51.63
NYSE Industr	725.65	+11.55
NYSE Transport	453.92	+7.77
NYSE Comp	582.25	+10.17
S&P 100	587.99	+13.02
S&P Spot Index	1188.19	+24.84
Israel Index	248.4	+6.9

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5848.4	+130.9
Tokyo Nikkei	14779.9	+0
Singapore all-share index	378.54	+7.82
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	10514.5	+281.2
Israel Index	248.4	+6.9
Paris CAC 40	3845.81	+43.11
DAX	4911.88	+116.19
Madrid	828.58	+14.99
Swiss Market Index	7334.3	+106.3
Sydney	2747.6	+44
Milan	1347.48	+22.74

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6567	+0.0002
Dec.future (CME)	1.6544	+0.0002
D-mark: spot	1.704	+0.0115
Dec.future (CME)	0.5875	-0.0039
S-franc: spot	1.4043	+0.0103
Dec.future (CME)	0.7135	-0.0051
Yen: spot	120.96	+0.31
Dec.future (CME)	0.008289	-4.5e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5502	+0.0032
Dec.future (CME)	0.6454	-0.001
AusDlr: spot	0.6374	-0.0023
Dec.future (CME)	0.6397	-0.0046
F-franc: spot	5.7125	+0.0365
It Lira: spot	1688	+12.5
Nlg: spot	1.9219	+0.014
AutShlg: spot	11.991	+0.106
Rand: spot	5.685	+0.04
ECU: spot	1.155	-0.0065

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1488	+22
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	108.35	-2.15
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	277	-8.5
Soybean (Jan) (CBOT)	568.5	-12
Orange juice (Jan)(CEC)	117.95	0
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)	12.14	0
Bonds Dec.future	12718	-22
S and P Dec.future	1194	+36.5

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	858	+4
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1595	-20
Sugar (Mar) (LCE)	243.5	-3.6
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	-	-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	4.92	+0.01

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	297.1	+0.7
Silver (Dec)	4.892	+0.002
Platinum (Jan)	352.4	-5.1
Palladium (Dec)	281.25	-12.4
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.711	-0.011

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	295.6	-0.45
Gold PM fix	295.5	-1
Silver fix	491.5	-4.5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (23.11.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	4.5445	4.6178	—	—	4.5537
U.S. dollar	4.1813	4.2488	4.10	4.31	4.1900
German mark	2.4517	2.4913	2.40	2.53	2.4540
Pound sterling	6.8937	7.0049	6.77	7.11	6.9311
French franc	0.7313	0.7431	0.71	0.76	0.7315
Japanese yen (100)	3.4481	3.5038	3.38	3.56	3.4523
Dutch florin	2.1747	2.2098	2.13	2.25	2.1758
Swiss franc	2.9755	3.0235	2.92	3.07	2.9727
Swedish krona	0.5153	0.5237	0.50	0.54	0.5146
Norwegian krone	0.5568	0.5658	0.54	0.58	0.5598
Danish krone	0.6451	0.6556	0.63	0.67	0.6455
Finnish mark	0.8063	0.8194	0.79	0.84	0.8087
Canadian dollar	2.7016	2.7452	2.65	2.79	2.7048
Australian dollar	2.6781	2.7213	2.63	2.76	2.6822
S. African rand	0.7400	0.7520	0.67	0.76	0.7406
Belgian franc (10)	1.1885	1.2077	1.16	1.23	1.1893
Austrian schilling (10)	3.4846	3.5409	3.42	3.59	3.4875
Italian lira (1000)	2.4754	2.5154	2.43	2.56	2.4788
Jordanian dinar	5.8725	5.9673	5.77	6.19	5.8870
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.19	1.29	1.2361
ECU	4.8208	4.8986	—	—	4.8235
Irish punt	6.0943	6.1926	5.98	6.28	6.0965
Spanish peseta (100)	2.8843	2.9309	2.83	2.98	2.8864

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

TASE rises, led by Koor

Tel Aviv

The Maof Index rose, led by Koor Industries, the No. 1 industrial company, after subsidiary Tadiran recommended shareholders accept Koor's improved offer to buy the electronics manufacturer.

The Maof Index of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's 25 largest companies rose 0.9 percent to 299.04, after falling 0.03 percent on Thursday. Fourteen stocks rose and 10 fell.

Koor Industries rose 4.86 percent to 367 after the board of its subsidiary Tadiran recommended that minority shareholders accept its new offer, more than $5 a share higher than the previous offer of $36.15. Koor said it must secure 90 percent of Tadiran's shares and wants to complete the purchase by Dec. 9. Tadiran rose 1.16 percent to 148.10.

Israel Discount Bank rose 0.85 percent to NIS 3.54. The bank reported that third-quarter profit dropped 28 percent because of falling income from lending and rising provisions for bad loans. The bank said, though, that if net income were adjusted for an inflation-reporting quirk and the cost of last year's job cuts, profit would have actually risen 30 percent.

Dead Sea Works rose 5.89 percent to NIS 9.53. Parent company Israel Chemicals began presenting details to investors before the Israeli government offers to sell its 31 percent stake in the company. Israel Chemicals rose 0.86 percent to 3.53. Another subsidiary, Dead Sea Bromine rose 1.14 percent to 26.60.

Europe

European stocks rose, with the Bloomberg 500 Index at a three-month high, as Deutsche Bank AG's purchase of Bankers Trust Corp. fueled speculation of more mergers and takeovers among financial companies. BTR Plc led engineering stocks higher after it was bought by Siebe Plc.

Deutsche's purchase, the largest foreign takeover of a US financial company, boosts the value of takeovers and mergers by European companies announced in the past week to almost $30 billion.

"Merger mania is coming back," said Michael Krinner, a fund manager at Bank feur Handel und Effekten in Zurich, who declined to say how much money he manages. "Nobody wants to be left out of this game." Krinner said he plans to hold onto his Deutsche Bank shares.

The Bloomberg 500 Index of Europe's biggest stocks rose 3.65 points, or 1.9 percent, to 196.48, its highest since August 26 and extending its 1998 gains to 17 percent. Ten stocks rose for every three that declined. The benchmark indexes in Europe's eight biggest stock markets all rose.

Deutsche Bank led the Bloomberg Banking and Financial Services index 5.21 points higher, the biggest rise in terms of points in the Bloomberg 500 index. Europe's second biggest bank rose 6 marks to 113.9 after it agreed to buy Bankers Trust. for $8.86 billion. Bankers Trust shares traded in Germany rose 24 marks to 149. In New York Bankers Trust trade was delayed pending an announcement.

STOCKS

Maof 299.04 ▲ 0.9%

Dow Jones 9374.3 ▲ 2.3%

FTSE 5848.4 ▲ 2.3%

Nikkei 14779.94 ▲ 2.96%

Asia

Stocks across Asia surged, paced by banks and property companies in Hong Kong, Australia and the Philippines, as falling interest rates encouraged borrowing and eased developers' debt burdens.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 2.8% to 10,514.53, its highest close since May 1. HSBC Holdings Plc and Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd. led after the city's banks cut best lending rates by a quarter point to 9.50 percent on Friday. Australia's All Ordinaries Index rose 1.6 percent and the Philippine Composite Index rose 4.4 percent on expectations central banks will lower rates. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

New York – The Dow plowed back into record territory, completing a nearly 2,000-point rebound from its summer slide, as a spurt of merger activity fueled another rally. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 214.72 points – or 2.3% – to a record 9,374.27, vaulting past the record close of 9,337.97 set on July 17.

The Standard and Poor's 500 also jumped to its first record high since July, but small-company shares continued to lag behind the blue-chip rally, preventing record highs by other popular broad-market indexes. Stocks opened the day strong amid signs of a return to the merger frenzy that energized the market back in the spring and early summer.

Financial shares rallied as Germany's Deutsche Bank confirmed reports that it is discussing the final details of $9 billion deal to take over Bankers Trust. (AP)

Mark hits two-month low against dollar

The dollar surged to a two-month high against the mark and rose against the yen as US stocks gained, bolstering talk that the Federal Reserve won't cut interest rates again soon.

"It's as if we've swung from the world is ending to everything's perfect again," said Riccardo Gomes, head of foreign exchange at Republic National Bank of New York. "Sentiment has shifted toward no further US rate moves."

The dollar rose as high as 1.7108 marks, its highest level since September 10. It was at 1.7069 marks from 1.6917 late Friday. The dollar also rose to 121.29 yen from 120.40 yen.

Steady US rates are good for the US currency because it means the money market return on dollar deposits won't decline.

US stocks rose as takeovers of Bankers Trust Corp., Netscape Communications Corp., and other financial and technology companies raised expectations that mergers will lead to higher profits.

Rising stocks help the dollar because global investors need the currency to pay for US equities. Stock gains also boosted speculation that the Fed, which cut its benchmark interest rate three times since September 29 to 4.75 percent, won't soon cut again.

"The immediate cause for the rally is that the Fed won't ease any more than they already have," said Tony Plummer, of Guinness Flight Hambro Asset Management in London.

CURRENCIES

Dollar 4.1900 ▼ 0.02%

Basket 4.5537 ▼ 0.41%

Mark 2.4540 ▼ 1.27%

Sterling 6.9311 ▼ 0.45%

Also in the dollar's favor is speculation that the European Central Bank may lower interest rates soon after it takes over monetary policy for the 11 countries adopting the single currency on January 1.

"People are underestimating the impact of the global slowdown on Europe," said Jan Erik Warneryd, proprietary trader at Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken. "Europe will be hit pretty hard and rates will come down. There seems to be a realization that European growth isn't going to be as high as previously thought."

The dollar also was boosted against the mark on reports that Russian President Boris Yeltsin was hospitalized yesterday for pneumonia, reviving concern that political uncertainty could undermine the country's efforts to stem its debt repayment and currency troubles.

"Every time there are fears of political upheaval in Russia, they sell the deutsche mark," said Jim McGroarty, head of foreign exchange at Orbitex Management Inc., a money management firm. "If there's any political fragility in Russia, it would probably affect Germany much more than it affects the US."

Germany is Russia's largest lender and trading partner, so troubles in Russia often prompt traders to sell marks. (Bloomberg)

Oil falls as Iraq rejects UN demands

Oil

Crude oil for January delivery fell as much as 29 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $12.60 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Concern about ample supplies is offsetting speculation that Iraq's continued failure to provide United Nations weapons inspectors with vital documents could prompt the US to launch air strikes against Iraq, which could threaten oil supplies from the region.

Iraq's foreign minister described UN requests for documents as "impossible."

Iraq, which exports about 2.5 percent of world supplies, averted a threatened US attack a week ago by promising to provide UN inspectors with full access to sites and documents.

Others

Copper for December delivery fell as much as 0.5 cent, or 0.7 percent, to 71.70 cents a pound on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Stockpiles of copper stored in London Metal Exchange warehouses climbed 5,250 metric tons to a four-year high of 489,675 tons, in the latest reporting period, the biggest gain in inventories in two weeks.

COMMODITIES

Gold $295.85 ▼ 0.2%

Crude Oil $11.66 ▼ 0.02%

CRB 199.32 ▲ 0.14%

The increase took LME copper inventories to their highest level since April 1994.

The gain signaled that demand from builders, manufacturers and auto-makers, the world's biggest copper users, may not be as strong as previously thought.

Refined, or white, sugar for March delivery fell as much as $2.40, or 0.9 percent, to $244.80 a metric ton (11.10 cents a pound) on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange as producers sold more of their harvest to generate cash even as global import demand remains weak. Brazilian producers have increased sales from their biggest-ever sugar harvest, adding to the surplus of sugar on the world market.

Sugar prices have fallen 20 percent in London since the beginning of the year on concern about swelling global supplies.

Dutch potatoes for April delivery rose as much as 3.60 guilders to 80.10 guilders ($42) per 100 kilograms on the Agrarische Termijnmarkt on concern frosts damaged the European Union's second-biggest potato crop in recent days. Frosts have destroyed 55,000 hectares (22,000 acres) of potatoes that were still in the ground after heavy rain delayed harvesting, Trouw newspaper reported, citing A. Maarsingh, a director of the Agriculture department of LTO-Nederland.

The Netherlands is the EU's second-largest potato grower after Germany. (Bloomberg)

US bonds rise as dollar strengthens

US bonds rose for a fourth day as the dollar strengthened against the mark and yen, boosting the attractiveness of US assets for international investors.

"The dollar is stronger, and it's helping to continue the upward trend" for bond prices, said Richard Gilhooly, a government bond strategist at Paribas Corp.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 11/32, or $3.44 per $1,000 bond, to 100 27/32. Its yield fell 3 basis points to 5.19 percent. Two-year note yields fell 1 basis point to 4.63%.

The dollar rose as high as 1.7108 marks, its highest since September 9, from 1.6920 in London late Friday. It rose to 121.46 yen from 120.47.

A strengthening dollar gives international investors greater returns when they convert bond payments back into their local currencies.

Investors are showing greater demand for US assets after the Federal Reserve trimmed its target rate for overnight loans between banks – known as the federal funds rate – by a quarter-point to 4.75% last Tuesday. It was the third cut in seven weeks, as the central bank moved to calm financial markets after Russia defaulted on debt and Japan fell into recession.

The rate cuts are having the desired effect, making investors less averse to risk. To be sure, that could begin to draw investors away from fixed-income securities and toward equities. Some investors already began shifting funds to equities from bonds in recent weeks on expectations the outlook for corporate profits will improve.

"As interest rates fall, people tend to look at the equity market," said William Lloyd, a bond strategist at Barclays Capital Inc. "The financial sector is the main beneficiary."

BONDS

US 30-year T-bill yield

5.19 ▼ 0.03

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.1% on Friday, bringing its gain in the last seven weeks to more than 17%. Electronic trading in Standard & Poor's 500 Index futures indicate stocks will rise further when the market opens.

The $8.86 billion expected takeover of Bankers Trust Corp. by Deutsche Bank AG has led to speculation for more takeovers in the banking and securities sectors.

"It's the only thing people are talking about this morning," said Barclays' Lloyd.

Many investors are also favoring corporate bonds over Treasuries, wagering the Fed's three rate cuts will keep the economy and corporate profits on track. The cuts also help securities firms, which had cut back their corporate bond inventories and market-making after suffering losses in emerging markets, mortgage securities and loans to hedge funds.

Improving demand in the corporate bond market sparked a slew of sales in recent weeks, and caused spreads between yields on corporate bonds and Treasuries to narrow.

At the same time, the average spread between investment- grade corporate securities and Treasuries narrowed 10 basis points to 168 basis points since October 15, when the Fed cut rates for the second time, according to Merrill Lynch indexes. That spread averaged 100 basis points in the first half of the year, suggesting corporates may have further to gain, traders said.

Treasuries, meantime, may gain support amid expectations for slowing growth and scant inflation, traders said. Investors dread inflation because it erodes the value of fixed payments.

In a further sign that stability is returning to fixed income markets, China may begin to sell as much as $1 billion of international bonds this week, its first bond sale in more than a year, according to bankers familiar with the sale.

Announced in June, China delayed the bond sale as credit markets around the world tumbled. The sale could restart as early as this week, bankers said, because investors might be willing to accept a lower yield as the outlook for debt markets improve.

(Bloomberg)

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Sainz 'coasting' to world title

CHELTENHAM (Reuters) – Spaniard Carlos Sainz remained on course for his third world championship yesterday after a dramatic second leg of the Rally of Britain saw home favorite Colin McRae retire with a blown engine.

Sainz, with title rival Tommi Makinen long gone, could afford the luxury of a comparatively relaxed day's driving in the Welsh forests. He finished the stages fourth overall in his Toyota and on target to lift the crown.

Briton Richard Burns led by more than a minute in his Mitsubishi from McRae's younger brother Alister in Subaru.

McRae, in front from the start on Sunday morning and only once headed briefly, retired when his Subaru's engine failed after the sixth stage of the day and 19th overall.

The Scot said it was a dismal way to bid farewell to his team after eight years. He joins Ford next season.

McRae's exit handed leadership to compatriot Richard Burns, his successor at Subaru. Burns was fastest on five of the day's eight stages.

McRae was forced out by a piston failure while driving on the road between special stage 19 at Cefn and stage 20 at Sweet Lamb.

Today's third and final leg takes the survivors into south Wales for seven stages in the valleys and finishes close to Swansea Bay.

Change of fortune gives Liverpool hope for UEFA Cup clash with Celta

MADRID (Reuters) – Liverpool will look to a rejuvenated Robbie Fowler to lead their bid for a second Spanish success of the season against Celta Vigo today.

An English victory would also help prevent this year's UEFA Cup being dominated by sides from France, Italy and Spain.

While those three countries threaten to corner the quarter-final market – France and Spain each have four representatives in the last 16, while Italy claim three – Liverpool are England's sole survivor in the third round after a hard-fought victory over Valencia.

The twice UEFA Cup winners know just how hard their task will be after the Spaniards disposed of Aston Villa with a vibrant 3-1 win at Villa Park.

But there was a reversal of fortune on Saturday. Liverpool turned around a wretched run of results with a 4-2 win at Villa, while Celta conceded top spot in the Spanish first division with a 2-0 defeat at lowly Alaves.

Those scorelines have given the Reds renewed hope that they can extend their European season into the New Year.

Celta coach Victor Fernandez refused to dwell on his side's surprise league defeat, saying: "This defeat changes nothing, absolutely nothing. It's already forgotten." But he added: "Liverpool are now in great form and this is going to be an historic game. It's the most attractive tie of the round ... and to win it we're going to have to be aggressive, quick and fully concentrated."

Fowler hinted at a return to his once irresistible striking form with a hat-trick on Saturday. His partnership with fellow England men Michael Owen and Jamie Redknapp pointed the way to Liverpool's most likely route to success in the continued absence of the suspended Steve McManaman and Paul Ince.

Celta's attack, led by Russians Alexandre Mostovoi and Valery Karpin and Bulgarian giant Lubo Penev, will be confident of causing problems to Liverpool's still-frail defence.

But their own backline will be hit by suspensions to Michel Salgado and Rafael Berges, two of their stars this season.

Both Spain and France are guaranteed at least one team apiece in the next round as Monaco host Olympique Marseille while Atletico Madrid travel to the Basque country to take on Real Sociedad.

Atletico must be favorites after their 6-1 breeze past Valladolid on Saturday. Arrigo Sacchi's side will also be boosted by the return of Brazilian striker Juninho, while Sociedad are hit by an injury to Francisco de Pedro.

Real Betis hopes of making it past Bologna have been boosted by an excellent run of three wins out of four league games since the arrival of Javier Clemente, the former national team coach.

Bologna, who extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches on Saturday, are hit by a suspension to defender Amadeo Mangone.

In the first ever all-French UEFA Cup clash Monaco and Marseille will both be looking to bounce back from league defeats last week of the season – against France's other Cup representatives, Girondins Bordeaux and Olympique Lyon.

Marseille will be without injured Italian Fabrizio Ravanelli and suspended defender William Gallas but there is better news for Monaco, who welcome back defender Martin Djetou, who came on as a sub against Bordeaux, and midfielder Sylvain Legwinski.

Bordeaux, who travel to Zurich to take on Grasshoppers, face a problem of imbalance as both right back David Jemmali and right-sided midfielder Ali Benarbia are suspended.

Grasshoppers, who were awarded victory over Fiorentina in the last round by UEFA after a firecracker was thrown onto the pitch during the second round second leg in Italy, warmed up for the first leg with a 2-1 league victory over Basle.

Lyon, who host Belgian side Bruges, have defenders David Linares and Christian Bassila suspended. Midfielder Philippe Violeau, who scored a brilliant second goal against Marseille, is nursing a knock on the leg, but should play.

Bruges will be without key defender Tjorven De Brul, who is serving the last game of a four-match ban, while midfielder Gert Verheyen and veteran goalkeeper Dany Verlinden are injured.

The other Italian sides in the competition, AS Roma and Parma, both dropped points in their weekend games.

Parma went down 1-0 at Cagliari on Saturday and lost the services of striker Enrico Chiesa, who limped out of the game after pulling a muscle. Croat Mario Stanic will partner Argentine Hernan Crespo up front as Faustino Asprilla is suspended, along with defender Robert Mussi.

Parma's main consolation is that they come up against a Rangers side in even greater disarray after they suffered a 5-1 mauling against city rivals Celtic.

Roma, who were held 1-1 at home to Bari, will look for an improvement as they host FC Zurich.

The Italians will be without midfielder Eusebio Di Francesco and Cameroon defender Pierre Wome, both suspended, and injured Brazilian right back Cafu.

Fabio Petruzzi steps in for Cafu in defence while either Russian Dimitri Alenitchev or Yugoslav Ivan Tomic will replace Di Francesco in midfield.

No easy ride for UEFA at presidents' meeting

LONDON (Reuters) – European soccer's more powerful countries are likely to push for a new two-tier qualifying tournament for the 2004 European Championship finals at a meeting of UEFA's 51 national presidents today.

The major European nations are becoming aggrieved by the current qualifying system in which the likes of smaller nations like San Marino, the Faroe Islands and Liechtenstein are in the same qualifying groups as, for example, Germany, France and Italy.

According to well-placed UEFA sources, the larger countries want the minnows to take part in a pre-qualifying tournament instead to maximize their television revenue elsewhere.

UEFA however, are against that idea as they say the more open qualifying competition raises standards in the smaller nations.

A number of other key issues feature on the agenda of the presidents' Geneva meeting, the first of its kind for 31 years.

The planned changes in European club competition as well as the multi-ownership of clubs will also be debated. It is likely that UEFA's continuing uneasy relationship with the European Union and the concept of central marketing will be discussed.

The main item on the agenda though will be the expansion of the Champions' League and UEFA Cup and the abolition of the European Cup Winners' Cup, which UEFA wants to have in place by next summer – the start of the 1999-2000 season.

However, not everyone is in agreement.

Graham Kelly of the English Football Association told the *Sunday Times* this weekend that he would prefer UEFA to delay the start of the new Champions League for another year.

"Our preference would be for the new Champions' League to begin in the season 2000-01. It's clear the clubs are rushing for the cash, but if you are making fundamental changes, you have to have time to get it right." UEFA will also be keen to dissuade their member federations and clubs from deviating from the concept of central marketing – the means by which UEFA controls the vast income from television revenue, some $500 million a season generated by the Champions' League which it then distributes among its member federations.

The more powerful European clubs, 14 of whom met in Madrid last week to discuss the proposed changes, are known to be not at all keen on that idea, believing they could earn more if they owned the rights to the matches they played.

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England face uphill battle to save Test

BRISBANE (Reuters) – England's cricketers face the daunting prospect of batting through the final day to get something out of the first Ashes Test after Glenn McGrath and Michael Slater put Australia in a commanding position yesterday.

Australian captain Mark Taylor sent England in to bat just before the close when he declared Australia's second innings at 237 for three.

Set a challenging 348 to win after trailing by 110 on the first innings, England were 26 without loss at stumps with Michael Atherton on 18 and Mark Butcher on seven.

Taylor's early declaration gave England an outside chance of victory although history is against them. The only time they have ever scored more than 300 in the fourth innings of a Test to beat Australia was at Melbourne in 1928-29 when they made 332 in a day and a half.

McGrath and Slater were at their brilliant best yesterday as they turned the match Australia's way. McGrath finished with six for 85 as England collapsed to be all out before lunch after starting the day at 299-4. Slater then blasted a daring 113 in less than three hours.

McGrath, who has taken 48 wickets in just nine Tests against England, snared five for 19 in an inspired performance in the opening session.

Graham Thorpe was the first to go, departing for 77. The Surrey left-hander began the day on 70 but was far less comfortable than the previous day.

Lifted by the wicket, McGrath immediately went to work on Dominic Cork, striking the Englishman on the body in his next over and harassing him with a series of short-pitched balls.

AUSSIE HERO – Michael Slater kisses the Australian emblem on his helmet after reaching a quickfire century at the Gabba yesterday. (Reuters)

The tactic paid off when Cork, after just 16 minutes at the crease, tried to pull McGrath through midwicket, but succeeded only in top edging him straight to Stuart MacGill at mid-on for a duck.

McGrath was even more lethal when he returned for his second spell. He trapped Darren Gough leg before for a duck then claimed Alan Mullally first ball when he skied a pull shot.

He missed out on a hat-trick when Angus Fraser survived his first ball but picked up the Middlesex bowler in his next over for one when he fended a ball to Mark Waugh at second slip.

England vice-captain Mark Ramprakash finished 69 not out after starting the fourth day on 29.

Given a sniff of victory, Australia signalled their intention to post a big score early as Slater went on the attack.

He smashed 25 runs from Gough's first three overs and was 20 not out when Taylor was bowled by Cork for a duck in a disappointing display in his 100th Test.

Justin Langer joined Slater at the crease but was completely overshadowed by his team mate who scored 36 runs from the first 30 balls he faced and brought up his half century in 72 minutes.

Slater, who was dropped from the Australian team in November 1996 and did not win back a place until the start of 1998, reached his ninth Test hundred and fifth against England off 129 balls in 172 minutes.

He celebrated his achievement by kissing the Australian emblem on his helmet, just as he did when he scored his maiden Test century at Lord's in 1993, and running over to dip his bat to his wife Stephanie.

Slater's century included 13 boundaries and a towering six straight over the head of English off-spinner Robert Croft.

The Australian departed to a standing ovation.

Langer went for 74 when he sacrificed his wicket in the chase for quick runs before Mark and Steve Waugh shared an unbeaten stand of 38 before Taylor called them in.

Australia first innings 485

England first innings (299 for four overnight)

M.Butcher c and b M.Waugh	116
M.Atherton c M.Waugh b McGrath	0
N.Hussain c Stewart b Kasprowicz	59
A.Stewart c Kasprowicz b MacGill	8
G.Thorpe c Langer b McGrath	77
M.Ramprakash not out	69
D.Cork c MacGill b MacGrath	0
R.Croft b Kasprowicz	23
D.Gough lbw b McGrath	0
A.Mullally c Kasprowicz b McGrath	0
A.Fraser c M.Waugh b McGrath	1
Extras (lb-9 b-1 nb-12)	22
Total (128.2 overs)	375

Fall of wickets: 1-11 2-145 3-168 4-240 5-315 6-319 7-360 8-373 9-373 10-375

Bowling: McGrath 34.2-11-85-6 (nb-3), Fleming 27-5-83-0, Kasprowicz 29-7-82-2 (nb-6), MacGill 24-4-70-1 (nb-2), S.Waugh 3-0-17-0, Ponting 3-0-10-0, M.Waugh 8-1-18-1 (nb-1)

Australia second innings

M.Taylor b Cork	0
M.Slater c and b Fraser	113
J.Langer c Mullally b Croft	74
M.Waugh not out	27
S.Waugh not out	16
Extras (b-1 lb-1 nb-5)	7
Total (for three wickets, declared)	237

Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-182 3-199

Did not bat: Ponting, Healy, Kasprowicz, Fleming, MacGill, McGrath

Bowling: Gough 6-0-50-0 (nb-1), Cork 5-0-18-1, Mullally 14-4-38-0 (nb-2), Fraser 15-1-52-1 (nb-2), Croft 20-2-71-1, Ramprakash 2-0-6-0.

England second innings

M.Butcher not out	7
M.Atherton not out	18
Extras (w-1)	1
Total (for no wicket, seven overs)	26

To bat: N.Hussain, A.Stewart, G.Thorpe, M.Ramprakash, D.Cork, R.Croft, D.Gough, A.Mullally, A.Fraser

Bowling: McGrath 4-1-7-0, Kasprowicz 3-0-19-0 (w-1)

Springboks' Scotland tour ends on sour note

EDINBURGH (Reuters) – The Springboks prepared for the third leg of their British rugby union tour yesterday with racist slurs still ringing in their ears.

As the team headed from Scotland to Ireland, press officer Alex Broun issued a statement deploring racist treatment of two black members of the party at an Edinburgh nightclub over the weekend.

The two – physiotherapist Joseph Matatho and assistant coach David Dobelo – were with their Springbok colleagues at the club after Saturday's Test win over Scotland when they were approached by two patrons who repeatedly racially abused the pair.

"They were called Kaffirs and told to get out," said Broun.

Springboks' manager Arthrob Petersen said: "Contrary to the way we've been treated otherwise, this was a very unfortunate incident which caused the gentlemen involved tremendous upset and left a sour taste in the mouths of the whole squad."

Maiden bowls batsman over

PORT ELIZABETH (Reuters) – What does a cricketing clergyman do when confronted by a comely streaker? Answer – take refuge behind his captain.

Dutch Reformed Church minister Pieter Barnard was faced with this situation while batting for Griqualand West against Eastern Province in a Supersport Series match yesterday.

When the streaker danced on to the field, her antics and the churchman's cheeky grin were caught on national television.

But Barnard's demeanor changed when the fan, topless and waving her panties in the air, headed directly for the man of the cloth.

He fled to the other end of the pitch, taking refuge behind stony-faced batting partner and skipper Kepler Wessels.

The minister's brush with the streaker had little effect on his batting. He went on to score an unbeaten 42 in Griquas's six-wicket win.

Complacency, tactical errors blamed for West Indies' amazing loss

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) – Complacency, tactical errors and the age of the West Indian side's fast bowlers, all were blamed yesterday as bewildered cricket fans in the Caribbean tried to explain the humiliating two-wicket defeat to South Africa's Orange Free State.

It was one of the most amazing turnarounds in cricket. Having bowled the home team out for 67 for a first innings lead of 249, the West Indies managed to lose the game. They stumbled to 188 all out in the second innings and the regional team scored 438 for eight to win by two wickets.

In their final warmup game before the first of a five-Test series starts on Thursday, the West Indies began strongly but then fell to a hammering led by Orange Free State captain Hansie Cronje, who launched an extraordinary attack on the West Indies spin bowlers and wound up unbeaten on 157.

Vanbiesbrouck returns to haunt Panthers

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) – The memories came flooding back as John Vanbiesbrouck drove around some of his favorite South Florida stomping grounds.

The excitement of the Florida Panthers' inaugural season in 1993-94, when they became the winningest first-year team in NHL history. The magical 1996 playoff run, when Florida reached the Stanley Cup finals in its third season. The hailstorm of plastic rats that littered Miami Arena that year as hockey fever swept the tropics.

Then, having gotten all that out of his system, Vanbiesbrouck showed the Panthers there's no room for sentimentality. Vanbiesbrouck made 25 saves Sunday night, including three clutch stops in the third period, and Keith Jones scored 26 seconds into overtime to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 2-1 victory.

As South Florida sports icons go, Vanbiesbrouck may have ranked only behind Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino during the time he spent with the Panthers. His intense concentration and quick reflexes were the perfect complement to an expansion club that built its success on grinding its way past opponents.

Florida went 33-34-17 in its first season as Vanbiesbrouck finished third in voting for the Hart Trophy as the NHL's MVP. He provided the backbone two years later when the Panthers upended Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to reach the 1996 finals before falling to Colorado.

Greeted with about a 50-50 mixture of cheers and boos as he took the ice, Vanbiesbrouck turned in a third-period performance that recalled the best of times.

He first turned away Scott Mellanby and Viktor Kozlov up close within a span of about 90 seconds early in the third period. Then with seven minutes left, he stopped Mark Parrish as he steamed through the right circle.

"Quite honestly, he won it for us tonight," Flyers captain Eric Lindros said. "He made big stops on some two-on-one breaks and quick passes out of the corner. He was sharp all night."

On the Flyers' winning goal, Lindros sent the puck in front hoping to find John LeClair, but goaltender Kirk McLean got his stick on it. It skittered instead to Jones, whose shot went over the goal line before McLean could recover.

LeClair added his 12th goal as the Flyers notched their fourth straight win after an 0-5-2 slump. Philadelphia won despite taking a season-low 16 shots.

"It's a tough loss, no doubt about that," Florida coach Terry Murray said. "We were the better team tonight. We deserved to win and we had many great opportunities."

LeClair gave Philadelphia a 1-0 lead at 15:55 of the first period, taking a passout from Lindros for his fourth goal in his last four games. Florida's Ed Jovanovski tied it with 18.2 seconds left in the period, scoring on a breakaway as he left the penalty box.

Earlier in the period, the Panthers failed to capitalize on a two-man advantage for the second time in as many games, taking just three s[illegible] with both Danius Zubrus and Marc Bureau in the box.

Devils 5, Hurricanes 2

Bobby Holik had a goal and an assist as the Devils won the opener of a five-game road trip.

Randy McKay, Jay Pandolfo, Denis Pederson and Scott Stevens added goals for the Devils, who won for the 10th time in 14 games and moved one point ahead of Pittsburgh in the Atlantic Division race.

Nelson Emerson and Ray Sheppard scored for Carolina, which was playing its seventh game in 12 days. The Hurricanes fell two games below .500 for the first time this season but managed to hang onto their Sou[illegible]st Division lead.

Mighty Ducks 4, Blackhawks 1

Paul Kariya set up goals by Marty McInnis and Steve Rucchin and Guy Hebert again was solid in the nets as the Mighty Ducks beat the visiting Blackhawks.

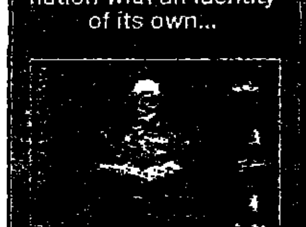
Stu Grimson and rookie Antti Aalto also scored for the Ducks, who won for the fifth time in seven games despite the absence of Teemu Selanne. The all-star right wing missed his sixth consecutive game because of a thigh injury.

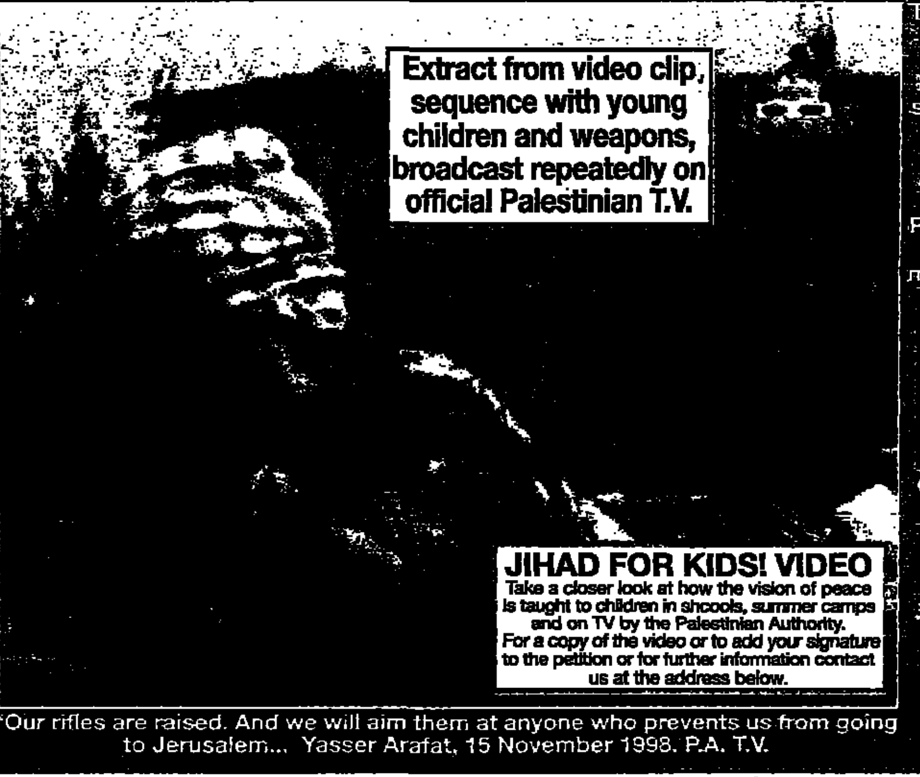
EASTERN CONFERENCE

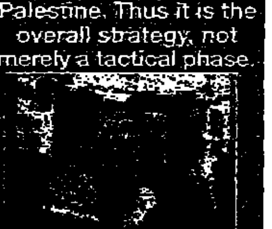
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	11	6	1	23	44	42
Pittsburgh	9	5	4	22	53	45
Philadelphia	9	6	4	22	50	39
N.Y. Islanders	9	11	0	18	53	55
N.Y. Rangers	5	8	6	16	47	52
Northeast Division						
Toronto	10	8	2	22	60	59
Buffalo	8	4	4	20	45	29
Ottawa	8	6	3	19	51	43
Boston	7	7	5	19	50	41
Montreal	7	10	2	16	45	55
Southeast Division						
Carolina	8	10	3	19	53	55
Florida	6	7	5	17	42	51
Washington	6	9	3	15	42	50
Tampa Bay	6	11	2	14	43	71

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	10	8	0	20	57	46
St. Louis	7	5	5	19	47	41
Nashville	7	10	1	15	45	55
Chicago	5	12	3	13	39	70
Northwest Division						
Edmonton	10	8	1	21	60	50
Vancouver	9	9	1	19	59	49
Colorado	8	9	2	18	51	56
Calgary	7	10	2	16	51	56
Pacific Division						
Phoenix	11	2	2	24	43	22
Dallas	10	3	3	23	44	32
Anaheim	8	7	4	20	46	42
Los Angeles	6	12	3	15	49	59
San Jose	4	8	5	13	42	44







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Cowboys 30, Seahawks 22

Troy Aikman threw two touchdown passes and completed 28 of 42 for 296 yards as Dallas (8-3) stayed two games ahead of the Cardinals in the NFC East.

Visiting Seattle led 14-13 at one point, but Aikman's 18-yard touchdown pass to Billy Davis and Chris Warren's 1-yard run in the fourth quarter were too much for the Seahawks (5-6) to overcome.

Steelers 30, Jaguars 15

Dewayne Washington returned two interceptions for touchdowns of 52 and 78 yards as Pittsburgh got back in contention in the AFC Central.

Washington stepped in front of Keenan McCardell for his 52-yard return on the Jaguars' second possession, then added his fifth career TD return with 34 seconds left.

Broncos 40, Raiders 14

John Elway went over 50,000 yards passing for his career.

Host Denver scored the last 23 points against Oakland (7-4), whose defense ranked second in the NFL.

NFL rushing leader Terrell Davis ran for 162 yards on 31 carries and scored once, raising his season total to 1,492 yards, and the Broncos defense had three fourth-quarter interceptions, all of which were converted into touchdowns.

49ers 31, Saints 20

Steve Young threw two of his four touchdown passes in a 17-point third quarter for San Francisco.

Young, who had three first-quarter turnovers to help visiting New Orleans (5-6) take a 10-0 lead, gave the 49ers a 21-13 edge when he hit Garrison Hearst on an 81-yard touchdown play.

Young's 8-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Rice put San Francisco ahead 28-13. Young, who passed for 290 yards, also had a pair of 8-yard scoring passes to Terrell Owens in the second period.

Jets 24, Oilers 3

Vinny Testaverde threw for 237 yards and two touchdowns as New York bounced back from last week's last-minute loss to Indianapolis by notching a road win.

The score was 3-3 at halftime before Testaverde led the Jets to touchdowns on their first two possessions of the second half. He capped each drive with TD tosses, the first a 3-yarder to Keyshawn Johnson and then a 2-yarder to Keith Byars.

Ravens 20, Bengals 13

Priest Holmes, who rushed for 173 yards against the Bengals in his first NFL start, piled up 227 more for visiting Baltimore.

The Ravens (4-8) swept the Bengals (2-9) for the first time in their three-year history.

Chargers 38, Chiefs 37

Two pass interference penalties against James Hasty set up Craig Whelihan's 1-yard TD pass to Charlie Jones with nine seconds left as San Diego won at home.

It was the sixth straight loss for the Chiefs (4-7) despite their highest-scoring game of the season. The Chargers scored five offensive touchdowns for the first time since they had six in a game in 1993.

Panthers 24, Rams 20

Carolina won for the second time this season, forcing a turnover on a late interception return by St. Louis.

The Panthers (2-9) were on the verge of squandering a 17-point lead when Roman Phifer intercepted a pass from Steve Beuerlein. But Mark Carrier stripped Phifer of the ball at the 5, and Carolina center Frank Garcia recovered in the end zone for a touchback with 2:41 to go.

The Rams (3-8) lost for the 10th time in 11 games at home as well as losing quarterback Tony Banks to a sprained right ankle.

Lions 28, Bucs 25

Ron Rivers, subbing for Barry Sanders, ran 36 yards for a touchdown, and Trent Dilfer threw a crucial interception in the closing minutes at Tampa Bay.

Bills 34, Colts 11

Antowain Smith rushed for two touchdowns and Doug Flutie passed for two for host Buffalo, who scored 24 points in the second quarter.

Giants 20, Eagles 0

Phillippi Sparks' two interceptions helped New York hand visiting Philadelphia its third shutout loss of the season.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	7	3	0	.700	178	132
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	247	217
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	267	178
New England	5	5	0	.500	211	192
Indianapolis	2	9	0	.182	177	298
Central						
Jacksonville	8	3	0	.727	277	230
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	208	199
Tennessee	6	5	0	.545	242	217
Baltimore	4	7	0	.364	167	216
Cincinnati	2	9	0	.182	180	287
West						
Denver	11	0	0	1.000	370	190
Oakland	7	4	0	.636	190	215
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	165	216
Seattle	5	6	0	.455	235	192
Kansas City	4	7	0	.364	204	235

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	289	171
Arizona	6	5	0	.545	227	274
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364	189	226
Philadelphia	2	9	0	.182	92	253
Washington	2	9	0	.182	211	318
Central						
x-Minnesota	10	1	0	.909	348	184
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	290	224
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	225	247
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	192	233
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	180	244
West						
Atlanta	9	2	0	.818	304	208
San Francisco	8	3	0	.727	323	237
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	206	235
St. Louis	3	8	0	.273	197	264
Carolina	2	9	0	.182	215	274

x-clinched playoff spot

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Gabriel Chmure leads the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra in Haydn's Seventh Symphony, Vainberg's Seventh Symphony and the Schumann Cello Concerto, with Julius Berger as soloist. Tonight at Givat Brenner, Thursday at Ein Haboresh, Saturday at Tzavta in Tel Aviv and next Sunday in Dorot. All concerts at 8:30 p.m. except the Tzavta concert which starts at 11:11 a.m.

Rina Yerushalmi directs 'Vayishtahu, Vayeira.'

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

William Inge's *Picnic* shocked audiences when it came out in the Fifties, was a yawn by the Sixties, and has been rediscovered in the Nineties. The play is about love, attitudes to love and the way love works on the play's five women. The Tel Aviv Community Theater production is directed by Edmund Jonah and features Ann Beilis, Maya Kramer, and Frances Thaler among others. Tonight and through Thursday at Yad Lebanim at 8:30. Info and reservations: (03) 605-7549, 546-2913.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Rina Yerushalmi's long-awaited *Vayishtahu, Vayeiru*, Part 2 of her Biblical epic, has its official opening at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center tonight. Its subjects are the kings and prophets of the Jewish people. The performers are Yerushalmi's Itim Ensemble and the set is by Dror Herrenson, costumes are by Renana Mishori-Cembelista, lighting by Bambi and music by Arcadi Duchin. Tonight and through Thursday at 8 p.m.

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Bruns: Toccata in G for Organ; Beethoven: Sonata no 7 for Violin and Piano op 30/2 (Perlman / Ashkenazy); Schubert: Serenade; Schumann: Short piece; Massenet: Elegie; Brahms: 2 Songs (Nikrlakov, trumpet / Nikrlakova, piano)
7:07 Hummel: Trumpet Concerto in B flat (Smedvig / Scottish CO / Ling); Mozart: Syphony no 41 "Jupiter" (Chicago SO / Levine)
8:05 Brahms: Piano Concerto no 1 in D minor (Ax / Chicago SO / Levine)
9:05 Rameau: Pièces de clavecin (Rousset); Caldara: Mass (Frimmer, soprano / other soloists / Singers of Westphalia Kantorei / Stephano Augustino Capella players / Rovatkay); Mozart: Symphony no 40 550 (Amsterdam Baroque Orch / Koopman); Schubert: Piano Quintet "Trout" (Hausmusik); Berlioz: Harold in Italy op 16 (Primrose / Boston SO / Munch)
12:00 Light Classical – works by Mendelssohn, Bellini, Sarasate and Smetana
13:00 Artist of the Week – Europa Galanta with Fabio Biondi and others, Corelli: 3 Concerti Grossi op 6: no 2 in F major, no 4 in F and no 5 in B flat
14:06 Music from Far and Near
15:00 From the Recording Studio – Amos Boazson, viola / Eitan Globerson, piano. Britten: Lachrymae for Viola and Piano; Bennett: Rondelle for Viola and Piano; Crane: Prologue for Viola and Piano; Emanuel Val: Sonata for Solo Viola; Weiner: Sonata for Viola and Piano; Harsányi: Sonata for Viola and Piano
16:00 My Concert
18:00 New CDs – Telemann: Solo in B minor for Flute and Continuo (Hazelzet / Ogg / ter Linden / Junthänel); Clérambeault: Cantata (Argenta, soprano / Sonari Trio); Gossec: Symphony in D (London Mozart Players / Bamberl); Campra: Miserere; Mendelssohn: Concerto in D minor for Violin, Piano and Strings; Victoria: Magnificat for 12 Voices (The Sixteen / Christophers)
20:05 Schubert: Mass in E flat; Tchaikovsky: Andante Cantabile in D op 11 (Netherland PO / Rens); Dvorak: Cello Concerto in B minor op 104 (Wispelwey / Netherland PO / Rens)
22:00 Sounds from Around the World

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news.
6:00 Morning Drive with David Starck (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00)
12:00 Premium Time with Centurion Insurance
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (until 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Moondance with Donna Abraham – Mellow Rock
21:00 One on One with Barbara Diamond
22:00 West Rock with Michal Cohen
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 The World Today
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: One Of Ours, part 3
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Take Five
8:00 The World Today
8:30 Discovery
9:00 News
9:15 Off the Shelf: One Of Ours, part 4
9:30 Chill Out
10:00 News
10:10 Pause For Thought
10:15 Concert Hall
11:00 News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 To Be Continued
11:30 Plays In Focus: School For Scandal
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 On Screen
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 The Idea Of The City
14:00 News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Health Matters
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 News
16:05 Outlook
16:30 Multitrack: Hit List
17:00 News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Westway
17:30 The Greenfield Collection
18:00 News
18:15 Science Feedback
18:30 Insight
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 One Planet
21:00 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:25 Pause For Thought
21:30 Megamix
22:00 Newshour
23:00 News
23:05 World Business Report
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 Meridian Live
00:00 Newsdesk

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Computer Sciences
8:30 Art Workshop
9:00 Matter of Taste
9:30 Family Bond
10:00 For the very young
11:00 Reading
11:25 Social Studies
12:55 Literature
13:30 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 X Men
15:50 Eli and Lily
16:00 Garfield
16:30 Garden Party
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Not Including Service
18:05 Dudu's Adventures
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Apropo
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil (rpt)
20:00 News
20:10 With Meni
21:00 News
21:30 Weekly Lotto Draw
21:35 Docu-Media
22:10 The True Story: Elkana Code – documentary about an IDF cadet program for religious youth, based on ideological and religious beliefs as well as physical fitness
23:00 At the Right Pace
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 Song for the Day
6:00 The Jungle Book
6:30 Oscar and Friends
6:43 Reshet in the Morning
9:00 Jude Morning
10:00 Pablo
11:00 Fields of Fire
12:00 Truth or Duty
12:30 Father On Parole
13:00 Zombit
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 News for Your Eyes
15:00 Dream On You
15:30 Popeye and Son
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Third in Entertainment
18:00 Popeye
18:05 Viper
19:00 The Mossad
20:00 News
20:30Candid Camera
21:25 Focus
22:00 Cause of Death, Murder – last episode of the local thriller which will be screened live, with the actors only discovering the outcome shortly before the broadcast. With Moshe Ivgi and Sharon Alexander
23:05 The Last Don
00:00 News
00:05 Sharman – new British series about a London private eye who falls foul of the law
1:35 Mission Impossible
2:25 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31)
(unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 The Glady Family
15:30 Banana Pyjama
16:00 Life Decisions
16:30 Discussion program
17:00 Mothers in Nature
18:00 Helena's Eyes
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Step Father, Step Mother
20:00 What Would You Do?
20:30 Drover's Gold
21:15 You and Your Car
21:30 Video Break
22:00 News in English
22:30 Movie: Running Delilah (1991)

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)
(unconfirmed)

7:30 700 Club
8:00 TV Shopping
15:00 Portrait of a Marriage
15:30 Jack Hanna
16:00 Larry King
17:00 700 Club
17:30 World News
18:00 American Football
21:00 Italian League Soccer
23:00 Late at Night with David Letterman
23:35 CNN World of Entertainment
00:00 TV Shopping
2:00 700 Club

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:30 Dictator
17:30 Telekessel
18:00 The Tempest
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Entertainment Now
20:00 Travelling Gourmet
20:30 Showcase
21:00 News
21:30 The Grand
22:30 Gypsy Kings – live show of the famous Spanish group in Virginia
23:30 Hollywood Leading Men and Ladies

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Life Skills
16:00 Herzl
16:30 World Surface
16:30 Natural Phenomenon
17:00 Data Bank
17:30 Sciences
17:50 Nature
18:00 Family Album
18:30 Blitz on Cartoons
19:00 Computer Sciences
19:30 Mirror
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Through Our Eyes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Muses: Art Arche – The Image of an artist
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 The Private Life of Plants

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life To Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 Friends (rpt)
20:50 Dawson's Creek
21:40 Dreams of Youth
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
00:15 Profiler
1:00 Silk Stalkings
1:45 Due South

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Color Me Perfect (1996) – a retarded woman becomes a human guinea pig in a series of experiments attempting to raise her IQ
13:05 Rain (1932) – drama based on a Somerset Maugham story about a South Seas prostitute who is confined with a fire-and-brimstone preacher on a small island. With Joan Crawford and Walter Huston
14:45 A Town Torn Apart (1992) – a small-town journalist undertakes the education of problem children and uses unconventional methods which set the town astir. With Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry
16:15 Twisted Desire (1996) – thriller based on a true story. A teenage girl convinces a young, love-struck ex-con that the only way they can be together is to do away with her domineering parents. With Daniel Baldwin
17:50 Beyond the Walls (Hebrew, 1986) – acclaimed drama by the Barbash brothers about the relationship between rival gangs of Israeli and Arab convicts. With Arnon Zadok and Muhammed Bakri
19:30 Angels in the Outfield (1994) – remake of the 1951 baseball fantasy. The California Angels are in the last place and angels come to their rescue with glittery special effects. With Danny Glover, Tony Danza, Ben Johnson, Christopher Lloyd, Matthew McConaughey and Dermot Mulroney
21:10 Sentinel
22:00 Roadside Prophets (1992) – wry travelogue of two motorcyclists who run into a collection of bizarre characters from the 1960s counterculture. With Adam Horovitz, David Carradine, John Cusack, Timothy Leary and Arlo Guthrie
23:35 Underneath (1994) – stylish crime drama. An ex-con drifter returns to his home town and tries to pick up the pieces of the life he left years earlier, including his ex-girlfriend and plans to carry out robberies. Directed by Steven Soderbergh. With Peter Gallagher, Alison Elliott and Elisabeth Shue
1:15 Running Wild (1994) – a film-maker and a scientist make a film about two tiger cubs in an African game reserve. With Brooke Shields and Martin Sheen
2:45 Brilliant Lies (1995, 89 mins.) – a woman comes out of an institution after 40 years and sets out to restore her relationship with her family

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Simba, Jungle King
8:35 The Muddies
9:05 Urmal
9:35 The Smurfs
10:10 Ninja Turtles
10:35 Superman
11:15 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:40 Sam and Max
12:10 Mowgli
12:40 The One
12:45 The Adventures of Robin Hood
13:35 Simba, Jungle King
14:00 Oakey Doky
13:15 Herlufts
14:35 Mozart and the Gang
15:05 The Smurfs
15:40 Ninja Turtles
16:05 Superman
16:40 Peter Pan and the Pirates
17:05 Ned's Newt
17:35 Student Bodies
18:10 Tales of the South Seas
19:00 Moesha
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:10 Party of Five

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967) – adaptation by John Huston of Carson McCullers's book about a career officer in the South who is tormented by his homosexual passions and his unfaithful wife. With Elizabeth Taylor, Marlon Brando and Julie Harris
23:45 Veuve Couderc (French, 1971, 85 mins.) – adaptation of Georges Simenon's novel. A proud widow in the 1930s countryside hires a young man to help on her farm. With Simone Signoret and Alain Delon

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts from Monday at 23:40)
8:00 Two Worlds: World of the Barracuda (rpt)
8:25 Craftsman (rpt)
8:55 Presumed Guilty (rpt)
9:50 Handel: Theodora
13:20 Koalas, the Bare Facts
14:10 World Discoveries
14:40 Great Crimes and Trials (rpt)
15:10 Understanding Bacteria (rpt)
16:05 Visions of Heaven and Hell: Virtual Wasteland
17:00 Open University: Restless Planet
18:00 Open University: Street Animals
18:30 Open University: Uprising of 1934
19:00 Hippos, Out of Water – well-made documentary 19:30 Beyond 2000
20:05 An Interview with David Boehm
21:00 Eight on Eight with Yael Dan: Sleep disorders
22:00 Whisper in the Air – the story of Marconi
23:00 Hippos, Out of Water (see 19:00)
23:10 Beyond 2000
23:30 Open University: Growing Awareness
23:55 Open University: Purchasing Management
00:25 Open University: Personal Finance
00:55 Open University: Psychology of Advertising

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Chicago Hope
7:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Simply Delicious Fish
10:00 Snowy River, The McGregor Saga
11:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 World Business Report
13:30 Home Improvement
14:00 L.A. Heat
15:00 The Pretender
16:00 NYPD Blue
17:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:30 Home Improvement
18:00 LA Heat
19:00 The Pretender
20:00 NYPD Blue
21:00 Home Improvement
21:30 Newhart
22:00 The Brittas Empire
22:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
23:00 The Wonder Years
23:30 Mr. Belvedere
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:30 The Brittas Empire

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:30 USA Direct (rpt)
7:30 Science World (rpt)
8:30 Future Fantastic: Weird Science (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Science World (rpt)
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Earth Report: Last Plant Standing (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World: Cheetahs and Cubs in a Land of Lions
15:30 The World Today
16:30 Holiday (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk
18:30 Wheels
19:30 Future Fantastic
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Reporters (rpt)
23:10 World Business Report
23:30 The Net
00:10 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:30 Future Fantastic (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News through the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Digital Jam
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 Insight
17:30 World Sport
18:30 World Beat
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline Newshour
2:30 Showbiz Today

■ SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 Special Report
8:00 Sunrise
13:30 Sky World News
16:30 Your Call
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportsline
22:30 Sky Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies In Motion
15:30 World Volleyball Championships
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Basketball
17:30 Windsurfing
18:00 Spanish League Soccer
19:30 Sports News
20:00 German League Soccer
21:30 UEFA Cup Soccer
23:40 English First Division League Soccer

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Eurogoals
11:00 Live Nordic Combined Skiing
12:30 Rally
13:00 Live Nordic Combined Skiing
13:45 Eurogoals
15:00 Live Tennis – Hannover, Germany
18:30 Eurogoals
20:00 Tennis
20:30 Live Tennis – from Hannover
22:30 UEFA Cup Soccer
00:00 Rally
00:30 UEFA Cup Soccer

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil		Melrose Place	Angels in the Outfield	Family Matters Married with Children	Beyond 2000
20:00	News With Meni	News				An Interview with David Boehm
20:30		Candid Camera			Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	
21:00	News		Dawson's Creek	Sentinel	Party of Five	Eight on Eight
21:30	Weekly Lotto Draw Docu-Media	Focus	Dreams of Youth			
22:00	The True Story	Cause of Death	Yair Lapid Live at 10	Roadside Prophets	Reflections in a Golden Eye	Whisper in the Air
22:30			Seinfeld			
23:00	At the Right Pace	The Last Don	Ricki Lake			Hippos, Out

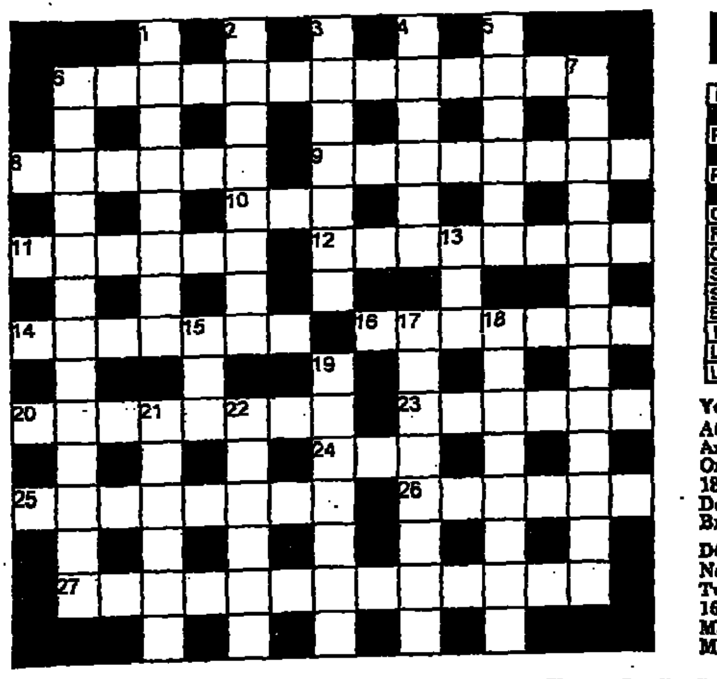
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

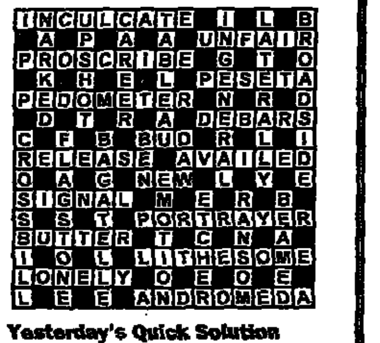
6 Green, being day-old (4.9)
8 A prop on dry land (6)
9 Is sure no concoction is made from sap (8)
10 One card-game or another doesn't start (3)
11 Attack nave I'd damaged (6)
12 Realised what one could have done at the bank (8)
14 When Perce uttered slander (7)
16 Applaud poor actor in London (7)
20 To grope about is the name of the game (8)
23 Fierce woman found by artilleryman in port (6)
24 Do you shortly change colour? (3)
25 It's to do with the shoulder of part of a monastic habit (8)
26 And it isn't Richard stopping short of Northern Europe (6)
27 Music that's not hard on one's hearing (4,9)

DOWN

1 Claim as one's own at N Yorkshire 'ealth resort (8)
2 Espy Rene moving among the mountains (8)
3 Pursued irregular claim to take over (7)
4 Some trippers I could see coming from an old country (6)
5 Aphrodite's lover said no surprisingly (6)
6 Trade bike used during periods of prosperity and depression (8.5)
7 The second person is amused having nothing to worry about (5,8)
13 If he got in, it would be for at least the second time (3)
15 Take most of the gown (3)
17 The French seller of perfume (8)
18 Picture of parrot, it needed renovation (8)
19 Two wines favoured in Lancashire (3,4)
21 Place something near something else performing physical exercises with soap! (6)
22 Plainly not in a hairy fashion (6)



SOLUTIONS



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A P A A UNFAIR
PROSCRIBE G T O
K H E L PESETA
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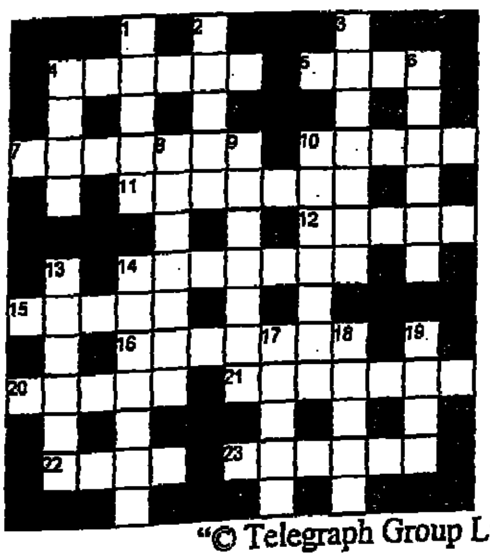
Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Beaune, 4 Apart, 8 Amass, 9 Imitate, 10 Stealth, 11 Omit, 12 Tug, 14 Iron, 15 Ague, 18 Gem, 21 Arch, 23 Oddment, 25 Declare, 26 Nerve, 27 Ready, 28 Brahms.

DOWN: 1 Brassy, 2 Amateur, 3 Nestling, 4 Arid, 5 Alarm, 6 Twenty, 7 Sight, 13 Gardener, 16 Unearth, 17 Larder, 19 Mower, 20 Athens, 22 Cocoa, 24 Many.

QUICK CROSSWORD



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4 Botch (6)
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7 Garden flower (7)
10 Overcharged (sl.) (5)
11 Observer (7)
12 Outer (anag.) (5)
14 Cut-out design (7)
15 Prickly plants (5)
16 Soothing (7)
20 Professorship (5)
21 Slacken gradually (4,3)
22 Equips (4)
23 Stylish (6)

DOWN

1 Bestow (5)
2 Woven braid (5)
3 Restraint (7)
4 Source of sugar (4)
6 Soundness of mind (6)
8 More disagreeable (7)
9 Winter-flowering plant (7)
10 Grave (7)
13 Amass (6)
14 Scraggy (7)
17 Tale by Aesop (5)
18 Dog's lead (5)
19 Uncertain (4)

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MOVIES

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE Lethal Weapon IV 5 • The Verdict 7:30 • Forty M² Deutschland 9:30 • The Leading Man 10 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Day By Day∞Thousand Acres∞A Perfect Murder 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Sliding Doors∞The Big Lebowski∞The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Gingerbread Man 4:45, 7:15 • **JERUSALEM THEATER** Washington Square 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Snake Eyes∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Halloween: H20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Hope Floats 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Henry Fool 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Tango 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Something About Mary Fri. 10, 12:15 a.m **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 The Big Lebowski 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Out of Sight 4:45, 7:15, 10 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 I Went Down 10 • The Dream Life of Angels 7:45 • Hana-Bi 5:30

TEL AVIV

DIZENGOFF Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • On Connait La Chanson 11 a.m., 3:15 • The Washington Square 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Spanish Prisoner 1, 5:30, 7:45 **GAT** ☎6967888 Life is Beautiful 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 The Best Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞The Truman Show∞The Gingerbread Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 11:30 a.m., 2:30. 6, 9:30 • A Perfect Murder 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 , 10 • Out of Sight 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Day By Day 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • Thousand Acres 5, 7:30 **LEV** ☎5288288 I Went Down 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 • A Price Above Rubies 2, 7:30 • Hana-Bi 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:45, 9:45 • The Dream Life of Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 5, 9:45 **LEV AVIV** ☎ 6417148 The Dream Life of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 • I Went Down 5, 7:30, 10 • A Polish Bride 5, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • A Price Above Rubies 5, 7:30 • Nights of Cabiria 5, 7:30, 10 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 6 • Empire of the Senses 8 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 The Truman Show∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Best Man∞Twilight 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Snake Eyes∞Halloween: H20 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The X-Files 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • 6 Days 7 Nights 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Knock Off 2:30, 5 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Henry Fool 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Tango∞Hope Floats 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** The Apple 5, 8, 10

HAIFA

CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 King of Masks 7:15, 9:15 • The Gingerbread Man 9:30 • The Apple 7:15, 9:30 **CINEMATHEQUE** ☎8383424 Inquietitude 7 • The Edge 9:30 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Washington Square 7:15, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Day By Day 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10 • A Perfect Murder 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski∞Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Out of Sight 4:45, 7:15, 10 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 The Truman Show 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6:30, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Wrongfully Accused ∞Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Hope Floats 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Armageddon 4, 6:45, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights 9:30 • Mask of Zorro 4:15, 7 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 The X-Files 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Snake Eyes 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Snake Eyes∞ Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Knock Off∞6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Life is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • The X-Files 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Henry Fool 6:45, 9:30 • Life is Beautiful∞Tango 4:45, 7, 9:30

AFULA

RAV CHEN Snake Eyes∞Wrongfully Accused 7:15, 9:30 • Halloween: H20 9:30 • Perfect Murder 7:15

ARAD

STAR ☎9950904 Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Les Miserables∞The Leading Man 7:15, 9:30 • Paulie 5 • Little Mermaid *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5

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ASHDOD

G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 The Truman Show∞Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8568073 Thousand Acres 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 Wrongfully Accused∞Halloween: H20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Knock Off∞Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Hope Floats 9:45 • Armegeddon 4, 7, 9:45 • Mask of Zorro 4:30, 7:15

ASHKELON

G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Truman Show∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 Snake Eyes ∞Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Halloween: H20∞Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Knock Off 5, 7:30, 9:45

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RAV CHEN ☎5531077 Snake Eyes∞Knock Off 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Truman Show∞Halloween: H20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Saving Private Ryan 5:45, 9

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G.G. ORI ☎6103111 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Truman Show∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Thousand Acres 5, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Snake Eyes∞Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Halloween H:20 5, 7:30, 9:45

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HADERA

LEV ☎6343555 The Truman Show 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 7, 9:15 • Halloween H:20 7:30, 10 • The Leading Man 7:30, 10

HERZLIYA

COLONY ☎6902666 Henry Fool 7:30 • Il Ciclone 5:30, 10 • Life Is Beautiful 5:30, 7:30, 10 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 The Dream Life of Angels 5:30, 7:45, 10 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Snake Eyes∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Knock Off Fri. 7:30; Sat. 4:45 • Saving Private Ryan 6:30, 9:30 • Superboy 4:45

HOD HASHARON

GIL ☎ 7408591 The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Gingerbread Man∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10

HOLON

STAR Wrongfully Accused 7:30, 10 • Halloween H:20 7:30, 10 • Hope Floats 7:30, 10 • Temptress Moon 7:30, 10

KARMIEL

CINEMA ☎9882521 Snake Eyes 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused∞The Truman Show 7:15, 9:30

KFAR SAVA

G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Washington Square∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Wrongfully Accused∞The Best Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

KIRYAT BIALIK

G.G. GIL The Truman Show∞6 Days 7 Nights∞The X Files 7, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 7, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 7, 9:30 • A Thousand Acres 7, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski ∞A Perfect Murder 7, 9:30 • Armageddon 6:45, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI

6 Days 7 Nights 8

KIRYAT SHMONA

G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Halloween H:20 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Truman Show 4:30, 7, 9:30

NAHARIYA

G.G. GIL Snake Eyes∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

UPPER NAZARETH

G.G GIL ☎6561332 Wrongfully Accused∞Halloween H:20 ∞The Perfect Murder 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Gingerbread Man∞Knock Off∞The Truman Show 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

NESS ZIONA

G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 The Truman Show∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10

NETANYA

G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Sliding Doors∞ The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Snake Eyes∞Wrongfully Accused∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Halloween H:20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45

OR AKIVA

RAV CHEN ☎ 6262758 Snake Eyes 7:15, 9:30 • Il Ciclone 7:15, 9:30

OR YEHUDA

G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 5333292 Perfect Murder∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

PETAH TIKVA

G.G. GIL 1-6 ☎ 9087989 The Truman Show∞A Thousand Acres 5, 7:30, 10 • The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 **G.G. HECHAL** ☎ 9317374 Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 10 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show Fri. 7:30, 10, 12:30 a.m. • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

RA'ANANA

CIN MOFET ☎ 7482915 A Price Above Rubies 8:30 **PARK** ☎ 7711321 Henry Fool 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Hope Floats 5, 7:30, 10:15 • A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 **RA'ANAN** Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The X-Files 5, 7:30 • The Truman Show∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Halloween H:20 10:15 • The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10:15 a.m.

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RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 The Truman Show∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Tango 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Saving Private Ryan 5:45, 9 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 Snake Eyes∞Halloween H:20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON

KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Sliding Doors 6, 8, 10 **CHEN** ☎ 9362868 Washington Square 7:15, 9:45 • Hana-Bi 7:30, 10 • Henry Fool 7, 9:45 • Il Ciclone 7:30, 9:45 **RAV MOR** ☎ 9493595 Life Is Beautiful ∞Snake Eye 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Sliding Doors∞Halloween H:20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Saving Private Ryan 5:45, 9

RISHON LEZION

GIL 1-3 ☎ 9500785 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Truman Show∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 **HAZAHAV** ☎ 9514968 Snake Eyes∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors∞ Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:3 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 9670504 Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Halloween H:20∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 **STAR** ☎ 9619985 Wrongfully Accused 7:30, 10 • Halloween H:20 7:30, 10 • Hope Floats 7:30, 10 • Temptress Moon 7:30, 10

SHOHAM

STAR ☎ 9793834 Twilight∞ Forbidden Love∞The Leading Man 7:30, 10 • Parent Trap∞Mask of Zorro∞Little Mermaid *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5

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RAV CHEN ☎5367910 Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Halloween H:20 7:30, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Mask of Zorro 4:45

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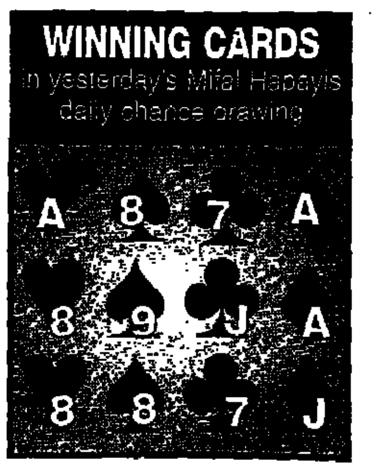

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Ball penalty gives Everton long-awaited home win

LONDON (Reuters) – A Michael Ball penalty earned Everton their first home English premier league victory of the season last night.

The struggling Merseyside club beat Newcastle United 1-0 to end a run of six league games without a win.

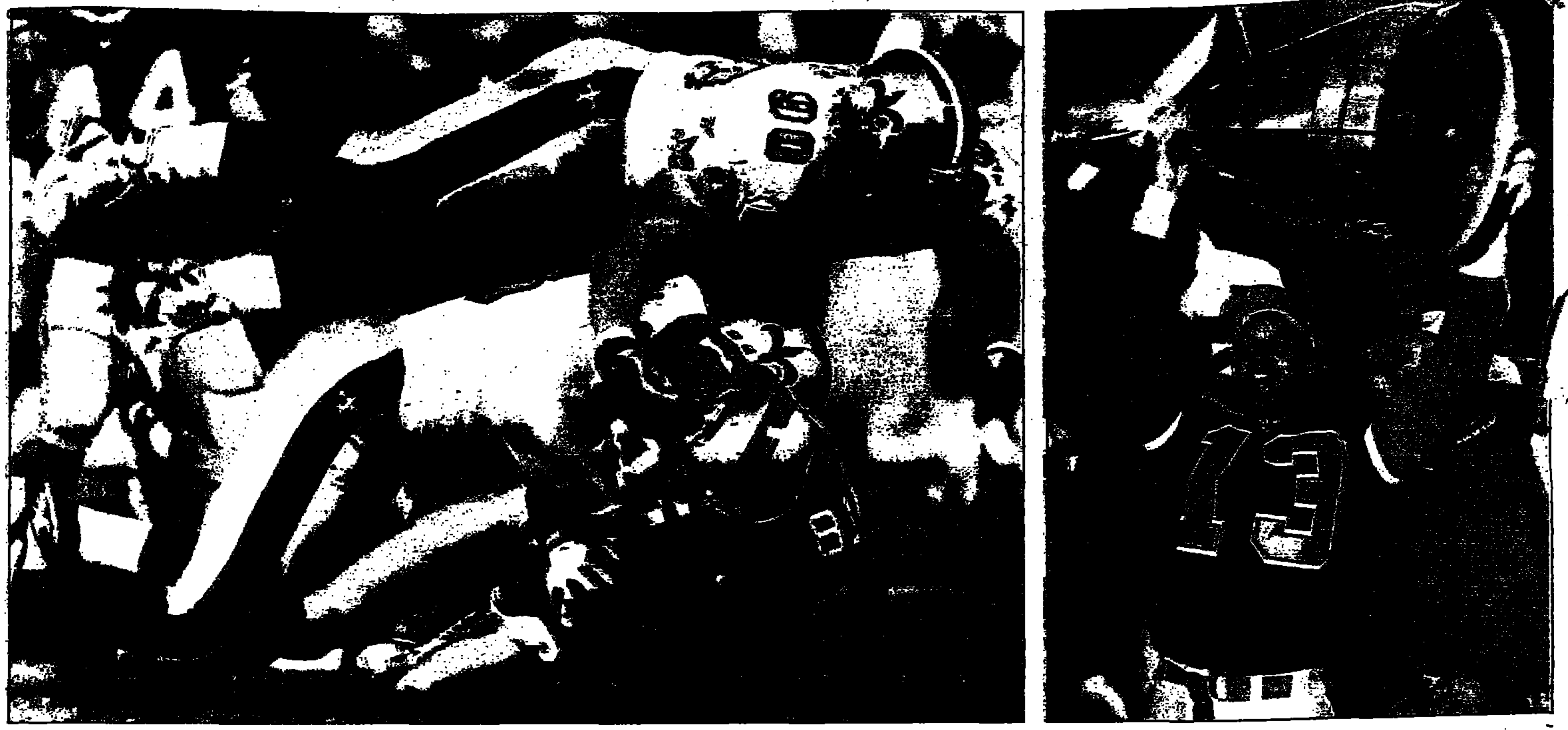
The penalty was awarded in the 18th minute after Carl Serrant hauled down Don Huchison on the edge of the box near the byline.

Ball drove the spot kick fiercely into the roof of the net, giving Everton fans the chance to cheer only the second Everton goal in seven premier league starts at Goodison Park this season.

Newcastle, without a win in their previous four league games, enjoyed a high percentage of the possession in the second half, but rarely threatened an equalizer.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	13	8	4	1	20	10	28
Manchester United	13	7	4	2	27	14	25
Arsenal	14	6	6	2	14	6	24
Chelsea	12	6	5	1	21	12	23
Leeds United	14	5	8	1	20	11	23
West Ham United	14	6	5	3	18	15	23
Middlesbrough	14	5	7	2	23	16	22
Wimbledon	14	5	5	4	19	22	20
Liverpool	14	5	4	5	24	19	19
Tottenham Hotspur	14	5	4	5	18	21	19
Derby County	14	4	6	4	14	14	18
Leicester City	14	4	5	5	15	17	17
Charlton Athletic	14	3	7	4	21	21	16
Newcastle United	14	4	4	6	16	18	16
Sheff. Wed.	14	4	3	7	13	14	15
Everton	14	3	6	5	8	14	15
Coventry City	14	4	2	8	12	20	14
Nottingham Forest	14	2	4	8	10	22	10
Southampton	14	2	4	8	12	30	10
Blackburn Rovers	14	2	3	9	14	22	9



LEFT: San Francisco WR Terrell Owens (81) is tackled by Saints defenders after a 19-yard catch during second-quarter action. The 49ers won 31-20. Right: Calgary kicker Mark McLoughlin holds the Grey Cup after the Stampeders defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 26-24 to win the Canadian Football League championship. (Reuters)

Vikings keep Packers at Bay, clinch playoff spot

NEW YORK (AP) – The NFC playoff picture is remarkably clear with five weeks to go. Barring an unexpected collapse by a division leader or playoff perennials Green Bay and San Francisco, or an unexpected five-game winning streak by a have-not team, the first-round pairings are virtually set.

Minnesota was a 28-14 winner in its showdown with Green Bay, and Dallas beat Seattle 30-22 Sunday. The Vikings and Cowboys essentially have three-game leads in their divisions, and the Packers and 49ers seem to be sure bets to at least win wild cards.

The NFC race that's most up in the air is the West, where San Francisco (8-3) is just one game behind Atlanta (9-2), and Falcons quarterback Chris Chandler was hurt again in their 20-13 victory over Chicago on Sunday.

But Chandler believes he'll be ready for Cincinnati next week, and the Falcons have a favorable schedule in their race with the 49ers, who defeated New Orleans 31-20 Sunday night.

"It's certainly not a season-threatening or career-threatening injury," team doctor Andrew Bishop said of Chandler's right knee and ankle sprain. But the ugly-looking injury with 6 minutes left was enough to strike fear into the rest of the Falcons, who saw Chandler wipe out a 10-point deficit with two touchdown passes against the Bears.

"We don't need those demons back in this locker room," receiver Terance Mathis said. "We don't need those demons back in this organization. We've got to keep Chris healthy."

Another wide-open NFC race is the one for the last wild card spot behind Green Bay and either Atlanta or San Francisco. Arizona, a 45-42 winner over Washington, has the inside track for its first playoff berth since 1982.

In the AFC, the only sure thing appears to be Denver, which kept alive its hopes for an unbeaten season with its defeat of the Raiders.

The Broncos are the 10th team in NFL history to go 11-0 and are aiming to match the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only teams to go undefeated wire-to-wire.

Pittsburgh (7-4) moved within a game of Jacksonville with its showdown AFC Central victory over the Jaguars, and there would be a three-way tie for first in the AFC East if host New England beat Miami last night.

Vikings 28, Packers 14

Randy Moss had 153 yards receiving, including a 49-yard TD pass from Randall Cunningham, who matched Brett Favre's two scoring throws.

The host Vikings (10-1) clinched a playoff berth when the 49ers beat the Saints.

Falcons 20, Bears 13

Host Atlanta won its fourth straight, but they know their fate rests on the health of Chandler.

Over the past two seasons, the Falcons are 14-4 when Chandler plays an entire game. They are 2-7 otherwise, including a 28-3 loss to the New York Jets with Steve DeBerg as the starter – their worst defeat this season.

Before he was injured, Chandler brought the Falcons back from a 13-3 deficit with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Terance Mathis and an 11-yarder to Todd Kinchen.

Cardinals 45, Redskins 42

Jake Plummer ran for three touchdowns and passed for two as Arizona held on at Washington after leading 31-0.

The Cardinals (6-5) won despite outstanding performances from Trent Green and Michael Westbrook. Green completed 30 of 49 passes for 382 yards and a career-high four touchdowns.

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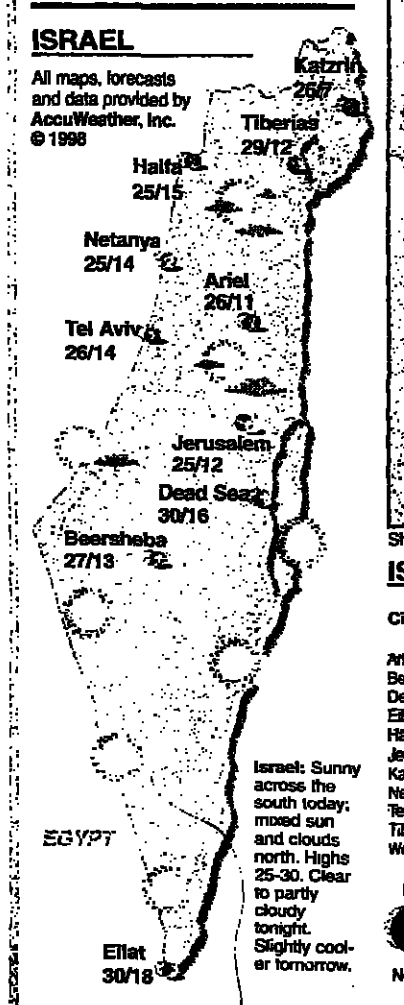

Israel: Sunny across the south today; mixed sun and clouds north. Highs 25-30. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Slightly cooler tomorrow.

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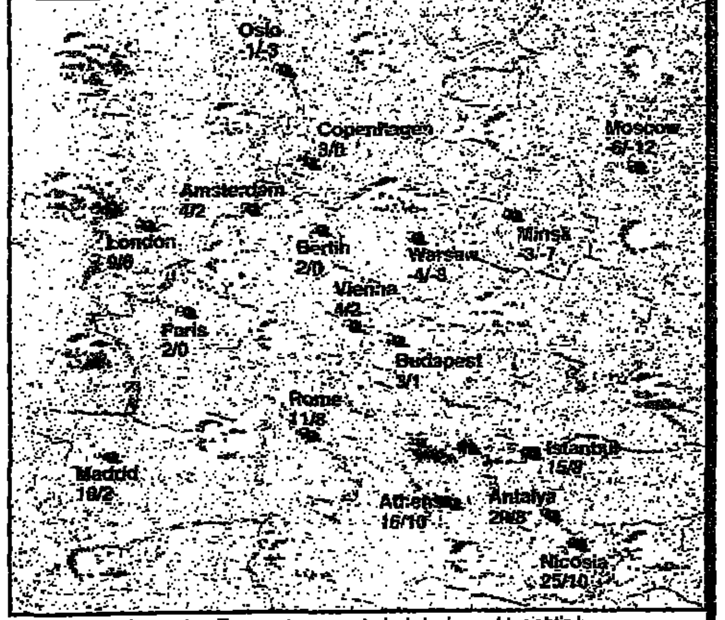

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Ariel	26/79	11/52/s	24/75	9/48/s	26/79	11/52/pc	26/79	9/48/pc
Beersheba	27/80	13/55/s	25/77	11/52/s	27/80	13/55/pc	27/80	13/55/pc
Dead Sea	30/86	16/61/s	28/82	14/57/s	28/82	16/61/pc	30/86	16/61/pc
Eilat	30/86	18/64/s	28/82	16/61/s	28/82	16/61/pc	30/86	18/64/pc
Haifa	25/77	15/59/s	23/73	15/59/s	25/77	17/62/pc	25/77	15/59/pc
Jerusalem	25/77	12/53/s	23/73	10/50/s	25/77	12/53/pc	25/77	10/50/pc
Katzrin	26/79	7/44/s	23/73	5/41/s	23/73	7/44/pc	26/79	9/48/pc
Netanya	25/77	14/57/s	23/73	14/57/s	25/77	16/61/pc	25/77	14/57/pc
Tel Aviv	26/79	14/57/s	24/75	14/57/s	26/79	16/61/pc	26/79	14/57/pc
Tiberias	29/84	12/53/s	27/80	10/50/s	27/80	12/54/pc	29/84	14/57/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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Nov 27	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 19

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	4/39	2/35/pc	4/39	1/34/sh	4/39	-1/31/sh
Beijing	6/43	-4/25/s	3/37	2/35/sn	14/57	1/34/pc
Berlin	2/35	0/32/pc	4/39	1/34/c	4/39	0/32/pc
Brussels	4/39	2/35/pc	4/39	1/34/r	3/37	-1/31/sn
Cairo	27/80	15/59/s	25/77	15/59/pc	29/84	17/62/s
Chicago	12/53	4/39/pc	16/61	2/35/r	8/46	0/32/r
Frankfurt	3/37	1/34/sh	3/37	0/32/sh	5/41	-1/31/c
Hong Kong	24/75	21/70/pc	25/77	21/70/pc	26/79	21/70/pc
Johannesburg	27/80	17/62/pc	25/77	16/61/sh	27/80	15/59/pc
London	9/48	6/43/sh	9/48	2/35/c	7/44	0/32/pc
Los Angeles	22/71	13/55/s	26/79	9/48/pc	26/79	9/48/pc
Madrid	10/50	2/35/pc	13/55	3/37/c	13/55	-1/31/s
Mexico City	19/66	9/48/c	18/64	7/44/c	19/66	7/44/pc
Montreal	3/37	-9/16/sh	2/35	-4/25/s	6/43	-3/27/c
Moscow	-6/22	-12/11/pc	-2/29	-5/24/s	1/34	-3/27/s
New York	16/61	6/43/pc	12/53	7/44/s	12/53	6/43/r
Paris	2/35	0/32/pc	7/44	0/32/sh	5/41	-2/29/pc
Prague	4/39	-1/31/s	3/37	-1/31/c	4/39	-2/29/sf
Rio de Janeiro	24/75	18/64/pc	26/79	22/71/pc	28/82	22/71/pc
Rome	11/52	8/46/c	13/55	6/43/c	13/55	5/41/pc
Sydney	21/70	15/59/c	20/68	14/57/c	19/66	15/59/pc
Tokyo	13/55	6/43/s	11/52	4/39/pc	12/53	9/48/s
Toronto	7/44	-1/31/pc	9/48	4/39/pc	9/48	-1/31/r
Vienna	4/39	2/35/pc	7/44	3/37/c	5/41	1/34/pc
Warsaw	-4/25	-8/18/pc	4/39	3/37/c	5/41	2/35/c
Washington	18/64	6/43/r	13/55	5/41/s	14/57	4/39/r
Zurich	2/35	-2/29/sn	7/44	1/34/sh	3/37	-3/27/pc

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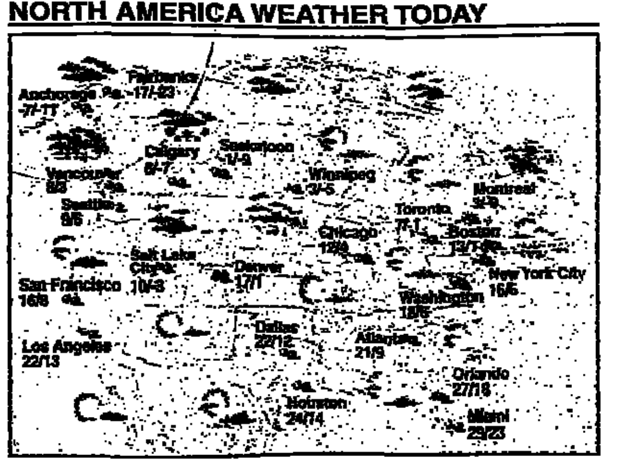

Last-second FG gives Calgary Grey Cup win

WINNIPEG (AP) – Mark McLoughlin kept things simple. His 35-yard field goal on the final play gave the Calgary Stampeders a 26-24 victory over the Hamilton Tiger Cats in the 86th Grey Cup on Sunday in Winnipeg.

McLoughlin, who failed on a 48-yard attempt in the first quarter, did not miss when it counted most.

Hamilton was trailing 23-18 at the 12-minute mark of the fourth quarter when quarterback Danny McManus found Archie Amerson with a pass up the middle. The Ticat running back escaped three Calgary tacklers and raced 47 yards to the Stampeder two-yard line. Ron Williams punched in the touchdown on a third-down-and-one play to put Hamilton ahead 24-23. But McManus failed with a two-point convert attempt.

A crowd of 34,157 then watched Calgary QB Jeff Garcia march the Stamps to the Hamilton 28-yard line with 11 seconds on the clock.

That's all it took for McLoughlin to spoil the Tiger Cats' Cinderella season.

The game was close throughout, although the Tiger Cats dodged a few bullets in the second quarter, recovering their own fumble on a punt return, watching a Calgary penalty negate a McManus interception and converting a third down that resulted in a 34-yard touchdown pass to Ron Williams that put them ahead 13-10.

"We made some mistakes in the first half that could have cost us big," McLoughlin said. "We were lucky we could pull it out."

Injured Agassi avoids Sampras at ATP World Championship

HANNOVER (AP) – Pete Sampras, battling to retain his No. 1 ranking for a record sixth year in a row, got a group without fellow American Andre Agassi at yesterday's draw for the ATP World Championship. The bad news for Agassi was a sudden back injury.

Agassi missed the draw to get treatment for back spasms he suffered in practice yesterday and will not start playing until tomorrow in the round-robin portion of the $3.5 million event.

"I went to hit a shot and managed to get a little stuck on the court and fell down," Agassi said. "I still remain hopeful but if I don't take care of it right now it's going to get worse, so I need to treat it."

Marcelo Rios, who is ranked No. 2 and who can unseat Sampras from the top ranking in the season-ending tournament, heads the White Group, while Sampras leads the Red Group.

Sampras will face Karol Kucera, Carlos Moya and Yevgeny Kafelnikov. He will kick off the tournament today against Kafelnikov, the Russian whom he beat in last year's final when he won the fourth title in the elite tournament of the top eight players of the year.

Rios will battle Agassi, Alex Corretja and Tim Henman.

"Anytime I'm away from Pete, I don't mind," said Agassi, who won the event in 1990. "I'll certainly do everything I can to play here." Moya, the French Open champion, beat Sampras in last year's round-robin portion.

"Each match is very important this year," Sampras said.

Sampras is trying to become the first player to finish as No. 1 for six years in a row. He now shares the record of five with Jimmy Connors, who held the No. 1 spot from 1974 to 1978.

Only 33 points separate Sampras from Rios on the computer rankings. To remain ahead of Rios, Sampras simply has to keep pace with Rios. Rios needs to win at least two round-robin matches to have a shot at No. 1. Two players from each group advance to the semifinals.

"I am not putting too much pressure on myself," Sampras said. "The pressure is on both of us, but I've done it five years and he still has to do it." "It's a record that's really hard to achieve. It's rare that you have something in your hands that may stay for eternity. It would be an achievement that I feel may never be touched," Sampras said.

"But the Grand Slam record is something I put above everything," said Sampras, who has 11 Grand Slam titles, one short of the record of Roy Emerson.

Although he won Wimbledon for the fifth time this year, Sampras has had a relatively modest season by his standards, winning only three other titles.

Rios, who at 22 is five years younger than Sampras, leads the tour with seven titles. The Chilean has already held the No. 1 spot twice briefly this year. This is his first appearance at he World Championship.

In other matches today, Moya plays Kucera and Rios battles Henman.

UEFA postpone Galatasaray-Juventus clash

GENEVA (Reuters) – European soccer's governing body UEFA ruled yesterday that tomorrow's European Champions' League match between Turkey's Galatasaray and Italy's Juventus would be postponed to December 2.

The teams will still meet in Istanbul but tomorrow's match was put back because of deteriorating relations between the two countries since Italy arrested Kurdish rebel Abdullah Ocalan 10 days ago and refused Turkey's extradition request.

Juventus had been reluctant to travel to Istanbul to play the match tomorrow.

Thousands of protesters marched through the streets across Turkey over the weekend, burning Italian flags and goods after a Rome court rejected a Turkish arrest warrant for Ocalan, strenghtening indications that Italy would not extradite him.

England lists 16 stadia for 2006 World Cup

LONDON (Reuters) – A new 80,000 all-seater Wembley Stadium, an expanded 64,000-capacity Stadium of Light in Sunderland and the new Millennium Stadium in Manchester were all named as Category "A" venues for England's 2006 World Cup bid yesterday.

In all 16 stadiums, included the as-yet unbuilt Millennium Stadium to be used for the 2002 Commonwealth Games and a planned new 40,000 capacity all-seater stadium for Leicester City, were placed on the list which all meet FIFA requirements.

Other grounds may be added if their development plans are firmed up before England's World Cup bid submission is presented to FIFA next July.

The full list, with their planned capacities is: Aston Villa (51,000), Blackburn Rovers (40,000), Chelsea (42,000), Coventry (40,000), Derby County (40,000), Everton (40,000), Leeds United (45,000), Leicester City (40,000), Liverpool (45,000), Manchester United (67,500), Middlesbrough (42,000), Millennium Stadium, Manchester (50,000), Newcastle United (51,000), Sheffield Wednesday (40,000), Sunderland (64,000) and Wembley (80,000).

Five grounds have been put on a Category "B" stand-by list: Arsenal (currently 38,500), Bristol City (projected 40,000), Nottingham Forest (currently 30,500), Tottenham Hotspur (currently 36,000) and West Ham (currently 26,000).

Those stadiums could be included on the A list if their plans to expand or rebuild their grounds are firmed up in the next few months.

If the English bid is successful, between eight and 12 stadiums would eventually be used as venues for the tournament.

The organizers would like to use another ground in London as well as Wembley, while they would pick one from three in the Midlands and one from three in the North East, with Sunderland likely to win out over *Middlesbrough* and Newcastle.

Campaign director Alec McGivan said yesterday: "This shows that England can offer the most wonderful choice of grounds to FIFA.

"The 16 in Category "A" are all modern, they have the whole range of facilities which will be needed to stage a modern World Cup and apart from the new Wembley and the Millennium Stadium which will both be ready in plenty of time, they are here now. I don't think any country which has bid for a World Cup has ever been able to such a large number of high class *stadiums*."

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